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PHONE. BREKID. CLAYTON HALL, CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT, ADVISES KARPIS

ET AL IN FALL OF 1935 WERE IN VICINITY OF WARSAW, TEXAS. HALL RECALLS M.

NAME OF TOWN ONLY AFTER GOING OVER NAMES OF TOWNS STARTING WITH W. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

SUBJECTS SUPPOSEDLY LEFT BLACK GREAT DANE DOG ON FARM IN THIS VICINITY. FILE

THEY DESCRIBED WARSAW AS CROSS ROAD LOCATION VERY SMALL WITH ONE SALOON

VERY TIGHT. HALL SAYS NOW THIS WAS A BARN LIKE STRUCTURE WHERE THEY ALSO

HAD DANCES. HALL WAS NEVER TO THIS PLACE, DALLAS HAS CHECKED WARSAW IN

KAUFMAN COUNTY AND WARSAW IN SAN ANTOINE COUNTY AND THEY DO NOT ANSWER

DESCRIPTION, NOR HAS A GREAT DANE BLACK DOG BEEN SEEN THERE, OR MARCOON

BUICK OF KARPIS. IMMEDIATELY MAKE DETERMINED EFFORT TO LOCATE RELATIVES

GRACE GOLDSTEIN. CONFER WITH INSPECTOR HILL AND HAYES AND GET LIST

OF ALL TRACINGS THEY MADE ON HER MAIL TO DETERMINE IF ANY FROM TEXAS

PARTICULARLY, DO NOT DISCLOSE TO GRACE WHAT SHE IS IN KIND AS VERY

PROBABLE SHE TOOK SUBJECTS AND LEFT HOME TO THIS LOCATION WITH DOGS

SEEN WHEN LEAVING MARCH TWENTY SIXTH. THIS PLACE MAY ALSO BE IN EITHER

ARKANSAS OR OKLAHOMA. SAN ANTONIO AND OKLAHOMA CITY SHOULD MAKE DETERMINED

CAUTIOUS DISCREET EFFORT TO LOCATE CORNIE MORRIS, ALIAS ROBINSON, ALIAS

HALL, THROUGH RELATIVES SAN ANTONIO AND DAVIDSON, OKLAHOMA. IF IT CAN

FIND PLACE REFERRED TO BY HALL SUBJECTS PROBABLY THERE. HALL SAYS PLACE

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ON FARM WHERE THEY HAD DOG WAS WITHIN FIFTY MILES OF THE TOWN. DALLAS  
SHOULD MAKE INQUIRY FARMS IN VICINITY PARIS, TEXAS FOR APPEARANCE OF  
A BLACK GREAT DANE DOG NOW OR IN FALL OF 1935. HALL DESCRIBES BROWN  
DOUBLE BREASTED SUIT FOUND IN WOODCOCK HOUSE AND SAYS THIS IS PROPERTY  
KARPIS. F. O. LAUNDRY MARK PROBABLY INDICATES ALIAS OF KARPIS, "FRANK  
GUTHRIE", AS PER LAUNDRY LIST FOUND IN HOUSE. CLOTHING FOUND IN WOODCOCK  
HOUSE ACCORDING TO HALL IS KARPIS'. POST OFFICE INSPECTOR KETTRICK HAS  
RETURNED HERE. GIVE ME SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITY HOT SPRINGS.

CONNELLEY

CC - Bureau (air mail)  
Cincinnati  
Chicago

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

38433

April 7, 1936.

H  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Referring to report of Special Agent T. G. Melvin, dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, March 31, 1936, covering investigative activities looking toward the location of Helen "Teaches" Butler, it is suggested that the investigating Agent might find it desirable at this time to approach the Butler woman, under pretext, with the objective of securing her description. It is doubted whether the photograph of Helen "Teaches" Butler can be secured in this district, consequently it is necessary for this office to know forthwith the description of Helen "Teaches" Butler, located by the reporting Agent so that it can be determined whether she is identical with the person whose location is desired.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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Edward J. Bremer

POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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April 6, 1936.

Mr. Walter Johnson,  
Post Office Inspector in Charge,  
New Post Office Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office it is requested that a thirty day cover be placed on all first class mail received by WILLIAM R. SKIDMORE either at his home address, which is the Cornelia Apartments, 3500 North Lake Shore Drive, or at his office 2840 South Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,

Special Agent in Charge.

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BAC DALLAS

*also*

PHONE. BREKID. IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER OF NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE KARPIS  
AND GRACE GOLDSTEIN AND OTHERS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN AT WARSAN, SAN  
AUGUSTINE COUNTY, TEXAS. WHILE THERE KARPIS ALLEGED TO HAVE GOT DRUNK  
IN SALOON LOCATED TEN MILES FROM FARM WHERE THEY STOPPED. AT SAN  
AUGUSTINE KARPIS' GREAT DANE DOG RAN INTO TEXAS RANGER BY NAME OF Mac  
CORMICK. KARPIS IS SAID TO HAVE SMOOTHED DIFFICULTIES OUT WITH MacCORMICK  
RELATIVE TO DOG RUNNING INTO HIM. AT TIME KARPIS THERE WITH GRACE GOLDSTEIN  
SHE HAD IN HER POSSESSION GREEN CHEVROLET COUPE. IT BELIEVED THAT  
MacCORMICK WILL RECALL INCIDENT RELATIVE TO GREAT DANE DOG RUNNING INTO  
HIM AND WILL BE ABLE TO POINT OUT FARM WHERE KARPIS AND GOLDSTEIN WOMAN  
STAYED. AGENT E. J. DOWD ADVISES MacCORMICK RELIABLE AND CAN BE CONFIDEN-  
TIALY APPROACHED THIS MATTER. SUGGEST IMMEDIATE CONTACT MacCORMICK  
AND ADDITIONAL DISCREET INVESTIGATION WARSAN WITH VIEW TO LOCATING  
POSSIBLE HIDEOUT OF KARPIS THERE.

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

April 7, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Newspaper Publicity concerning  
the chartering of an airplane at  
Cleveland, Ohio, on March 29, 1936,  
in the Brekid case

Mr. Nathan	
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Chief Clerk	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Foxworth	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Joseph	
Mr. Keith	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Schilder	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

Dear Sir:

As requested by the Bureau, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E. J. Wynn of this office in connection with the newspaper publicity given the chartering of an airplane at Cleveland, Ohio, on March 29, 1936, for a flight to Little Rock, Arkansas, in connection with the Brekid case.

Mr. Lloyd Howard, reservation clerk, United Air Lines, Cleveland Airport, stated that he was at the United Air Lines hangar at the Cleveland Airport in the private office and that at about 11:30 p.m., March 28, 1936, he received a telephone call from a Mr. MacFarland inquiring about a chartered trip for nine men from Cleveland, Ohio to Little Rock, Arkansas; that as he recalled, Mr. MacFarland did not communicate to him the former's capacity, but did leave a telephone number, Prospect 2456, which is the number of the Cleveland Bureau office; that he, Mr. Howard, immediately contacted Mr. W. F. Schmitt, Assistant Station Manager of the hangar, and advised him of the inquiry, and Mr. Schmitt, upon ascertaining that there was no equipment available, called Mr. E. J. Galbos, the local traffic manager, and advised Mr. Galbos of the inquiry, furnishing the latter with Mr. MacFarland's name and telephone number; and approximately one-half hour later Mr. Galbos called Mr. Howard on the telephone and advised him that the inquiry had come from the Department of Justice and dictated a radiogram to Mr. Howard to be sent to Mr. Ireland, the General Traffic Manager at Chicago, Illinois, requesting Mr. Ireland to advise with reference to the available equipment at Chicago; that Mr. Schmitt was present and upon seeing the contents of the radiogram, especially the mention of the Department of Justice, talked over the telephone and suggested to Mr. Galbos that, undoubtedly, this was a confidential matter, and suggested that it was undesirable to send such information over the air and suggested that Mr. Galbos call Mr. Ireland at Chicago by long distance telephone; that later Mr. Galbos called Mr. Howard and advised him, Mr. Howard, that the United Air Lines would be unable to furnish

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the plane for the trip, inasmuch as the cost from Cleveland, Ohio, to Little Rock, Arkansas, would be \$965 with a \$200 additional charge for ferrying the equipment from Chicago, Illinois, and, further, that it was uncertain that the equipment could be gotten to Cleveland in sufficient time.

Mr. Howard stated that he remained at the airport until about 2:00 a.m., and he discussed this matter with no one except Mr. Schmitt and Mr. Galbos; that, however, before he left the airport he ascertained from the conversation with Mr. Galbos that arrangements had been made by Mr. Galbos with the Sundorph Aeronautical Corporation, whereupon the latter secured the trip for a sum considerably less than that quoted by the United Air Lines.

Mr. W. F. Schmitt, Assistant Station Manager, United Air Lines hangar, Cleveland Airport, stated that Mr. Lloyd Howard at about 11:30 p.m. on March 28, 1936, advised him that a Mr. MacFarland had called concerning a trip to Little Rock, Arkansas; that, as he recalled, Mr. Howard advised him that five men were to take the trip; that he did not at that time appreciate the fact that it was the Department of Justice which had made inquiry; that he, upon ascertaining there was no equipment available, called Mr. O. S. Pierce, Assistant Superintendent, by telephone, and the latter suggested that he call Mr. E. J. Galbos, the local traffic representative, which he did, furnishing Mr. Galbos with Mr. MacFarland's name and telephone number; that later, Mr. Galbos called back and dictated a radiogram to Mr. Howard addressed to Mr. Ireland, the general traffic manager at Chicago, said radiogram containing the information that the Department of Justice was endeavoring to charter a plane to Little Rock, Arkansas, and requested Mr. Ireland to advise whether or not Chicago could furnish the equipment; that upon seeing the name of the Department of Justice, he, Mr. Schmitt, realized that undoubtedly the matter was of a confidential nature, whereupon he suggested to Mr. Galbos that it would be unwise to send such confidential information over the air and at the same time suggested that Mr. Galbos contact Mr. Ireland by long distance telephone, which suggestion was agreeable to Mr. Galbos; that at about this time Mr. Ralph Grospitch, Assistant Station Manager, who works the last shift, came on duty, and he was advised by Mr. Schmitt of the prospective chartered trip. However, Mr. Schmitt did not advise Mr. Grospitch that the matter was extremely confidential, although he, Schmitt, at that time had discussed the confidential nature of the trip with Mr. Galbos and the latter had impressed upon Mr. Schmitt the necessity of keeping the identity of the party who was chartering the plane, a secret; that he left the United Air Lines hangar about 1:00 a.m., at which time it was still uncertain as to whether or not the United Air Lines would be able to furnish the chartered plane; that he at no time discussed this matter with any outside persons and that, as a matter of fact, discussed this only with Messrs. O. S. Pierce and E. J. Galbos over



telephone and with Mr. Lloyd Howard and Mr. Ralph Grospitch personally.

Mr. O. S. Pierce, Assistant Superintendent, advised that, as he recalled, between 11:00 p.m. and 11:59 p.m., March 28, 1936, Mr. W. F. Schmitt called him at his home by telephone, at which time Mr. Schmitt stated that the Department of Justice had just called with reference to chartering a plane from Cleveland, Ohio to Little Rock, Arkansas, and that inasmuch as there was no equipment available at Cleveland, Mr. Pierce was being called for instructions; that he instructed Mr. Schmitt to call Mr. E. J. Galbos and put the proposition up to him. In this connection, contrary to the statement of W. F. Schmitt, as set out above, it is to be noted that Mr. Pierce is of the opinion that Mr. Schmitt mentioned the Department of Justice on the occasion of his call to Mr. Pierce, and, as will be set out later, it is Mr. E. J. Galbos' recollection when he was first called on this matter that he was told Mr. MacFarland represented some government agency.

Mr. E. J. Galbos, local traffic manager for the United Air Lines, advised that shortly after 11:30 p.m., March 28, 1936, he was called at his home by the reservation clerk, whom he thought to be either Mr. Ward or Mr. Foy. However, investigation in this matter established that it was, in fact, Mr. Lloyd Howard who called him. He stated that the reservation clerk advised him that Mr. MacFarland, Prospect 2456, representing a government agency, had just called making inquiry with reference to a chartered trip from Cleveland, Ohio to Little Rock, Arkansas, but there was no equipment available; that at that point Mr. W. F. Schmitt, the assistant station manager, came on the telephone and informed him that there was no equipment available; that he, at that time, dictated a radiogram to the reservation clerk to be sent to Mr. Ireland, General Traffic Manager at Chicago, to be held in abeyance, however, until Mr. Galbos verified the identity of the person who called to charter the plane; that he, Mr. Galbos, came to the Cleveland office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and talked with Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland, at which time it was impressed upon him by Mr. MacFarland that the matter was of a confidential nature; that he then proceeded to the downtown office of the United Air Lines, which was closed, and opened it up and used the telephone there to call the airport and talked further about equipment to Mr. Schmitt and instructed Mr. Schmitt to forget about the radiogram, whereupon he, Mr. Galbos, called Mr. Ireland, the general traffic manager at Chicago, about equipment. It was decided that equipment could be furnished by Chicago at a cost of \$200 for the ferry charge, but it was doubtful if it could be secured in sufficient time to meet Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland's request that the equipment be available at 2:30 a.m., inasmuch as there was not a crew readily available at Chicago; that he called Mr. MacFarland and informed him that the charge for the trip would be \$965 from Cleveland to Little Rock, Arkansas, with a \$200 additional charge for ferrying the equipment from Chicago to Cleveland, and also it was doubtful just when the equipment would be in Cleveland from Chicago; that realizing that the trip was presumably an expeditious one,

he suggested to Mr. MacFarland that he, Galbos, could possibly make arrangements with the Sundorph Aeronautical Corporation, and upon being advised by Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland that this would be satisfactory, he called Mr. E. C. Sundorph at the latter's home by telephone and advised him that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was interested in chartering an airplane from Cleveland, Ohio to Little Rock, Arkansas; that Mr. Sundorph agreed to furnish an airplane for this trip at a cost of one dollar per mile; that at the time he called Mr. Sundorph he impressed upon the latter that the trip was an extremely confidential one and that the details with reference to it should be guarded very carefully; that he, Mr. Galbos, then called Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland and advised him that Mr. Sundorph had been contacted with reference to the trip and had agreed to make it and that he further at that time told Mr. J. P. MacFarland that Mr. Sundorph had been instructed that the trip was of an extremely confidential nature.

Mr. Galbos advised that he at no time discussed the incident with any outside sources and could offer no explanation for the leak in the information concerning the chartering of the plane other than that there was a possibility that some minor employee in the service at the United Air Lines hangar at the airport in some manner learned of the chartered trip and the identity of the passengers.

Mr. Galbos advised that the newspapers had never made any inquiry of him with reference to the matter and also that he, after receiving inquiry with reference to the chartered plane at no time appeared at the airport in connection with the matter.

Mr. Ralph Grospitch, Assistant Station Manager, United Air Lines, supervises the operations of the United Air Lines planes in their hangar at the Cleveland Airport on the last night shift, beginning work at 12:01 a.m. He stated that on the occasion of his relieving Mr. W. F. Schmitt at 12:01 a.m. on March 29th, 1936, he was advised by Mr. Schmitt there was a prospect for the United Air Lines to secure a chartered trip for the Department of Justice from Cleveland, Ohio to Little Rock, Arkansas, proving satisfactory arrangements could be perfected whereby equipment could be ferried in from Chicago; that although Mr. W. F. Schmitt advised him that the Department of Justice was negotiating for the chartered plane, Mr. Schmitt did not impress upon him the fact that the trip was of a confidential nature; that, however, as a matter of company policy, he understood the rules of the company to be that any inquiry for a chartered plane or, as a matter of fact, any details with reference to the company's business was confidential matter and not to be disclosed to outside persons; that he in his capacity as assistant station manager did not consider such an inquiry with reference to a chartered plane was any matter to be disseminated among minor employees, inasmuch as it constituted a business deal of the United Air Lines in which such employees could have no primary interest; that he was finally advised by Mr. Lloyd Howard, the reservation clerk, that Mr. Galbos had called advising that the United Air Lines would not be able to make the chartered trip because of inability to have equip-

ment ferried from Chicago in time, and that arrangements had been made through Mr. Grospitch with the Sundorph Aeronautical Corporation whereby the latter was to furnish the chartered plane to fly the Department of Justice agents from Cleveland to Little Rock, Arkansas. It was his understanding that the United Air Lines wanted approximately \$1200 to make the trip but that the Sundorph Aeronautical Corporation agreed to make the trip at a sum considerably less, and, as best he recalled, this sum was about \$800; that about 2:40 a.m. on March 29th, 1936, Mr. Emory Martin and Mr. E. D. Gray, pilots for the United Air Lines, arrived at the Cleveland Airport on transport planes; that he visited the coffee shoppe of the airport terminal with the said pilots, at which time he noticed a group of some six or seven men leaving the coffee shoppe and also at this time observed Mr. E. C. Sundorph and his pilot dressed in uniforms leaving the coffee shoppe; that the group of men and the fact that Sundorph and his pilot were dressed in uniforms caused some comment among himself and the two pilots: Martin and Gray; that he, Gray and Martin sat down and had something to eat, at which time he noticed a newspaper reporter sitting nearby; namely, Mr. J. D. Hartshorn of the Cleveland Plain Dealer; that he, Mr. Grospitch, and the two pilots discussed the fact that the men who had left the coffee shoppe as they entered were Department of Justice agents and that they were to leave the Cleveland Airport in a chartered plane of the Sundorph Aeronautical Corporation, and it was further discussed that the United Air Lines had first been contacted with reference to this chartered plane but had been unable to furnish it. Mr. Grospitch did not directly admit that he first gave this information to the two pilots: Martin and Gray, but stated that the above discussion was had with the pilots; however, he could not recall whether he first gave them the information or whether they received it from some other source.

However, he did state that the two pilots, Martin and Gray, were at the Cleveland Airport but a matter of some minutes before he visited the coffee shoppe with them. He stated further that the newspaper reporter, J. D. Hartshorn, after the group of men had left the coffee shoppe continued to sit at the counter; however, he expressed the opinion that Mr. Hartshorn was not within hearing distance of the conversation had between Grospitch and the two pilots, Martin and Gray. However, Mr. Grospitch stated that before he left the coffee shoppe he did walk over and have a few words with the newspaper reporter, but denied that he furnished any information to this newspaper reporter with reference to the chartering of the plane for the trip to Little Rock or the identity of the parties who were to proceed on the chartered trip. He further stated that he did have a few words with Mr. E. C. Sundorph regarding the "bad head winds".

Mr. Grospitch was interrogated as to whether or not he considered it discreet to discuss a matter of business details concerning negotiations for a chartered trip by the Department of Justice with the United Air Lines, such a matter as should be discussed with him and by him with pilots of the United Air Lines who arrived at the airport after he, Mr. Grospitch, was

fully cognizant of the fact that the trip was to be made by the Department of Justice.

As stated hereinbefore, he advised that such a matter was not a proper one to discuss with any other than the officials of the firm. In this respect he could offer no logical reason for his discussion of the matter in the coffee shoppe at a time when the newspaper reporter was sitting at the counter. In this connection he advised that he was fully cognizant of the rules of the company, which prohibited employees of the company furnishing outsiders with information concerning the identity of passengers or details of the company's business.

Mr. E. D. Gray, a pilot of the United Air Lines, stated that he arrived at the airport at 2:40 a.m. on March 29, 1936, at which time he after unloading passengers proceeded immediately to the United Air Lines hangar; that from someone connected with the United Air Lines, the identity of whom he could not recall, advised him that the Department of Justice had been negotiating to charter a plane from the United Air Lines for the purpose of making a flight from Cleveland, Ohio, to some point in the southwest; that he understood from this individual that the approximate price to be charged by the United Air Lines was to be \$1200; that he recalled visiting the coffee shoppe in the airport terminal with Mr. Emory Martin, another pilot, but could not recall specifically any other member of the United Air Lines as being present at that time, although he stated there was a possibility that Mr. Ralph Grospitch was present in the coffee shoppe; that as he and Mr. Martin entered the coffee shoppe he noticed a group of men leaving there and also observed Mr. E. C. Sundorph and the latter's pilot dressed in uniforms, which fact further confirmed the information he had received from the United Air Lines hangar to the effect that there was a chartered trip in progress; that his information from the United Air Lines hangar was to the effect that Sundorph was to make the flight. He also recalled there was some discussion with reference to the "bad head winds" that would be encountered on the trip.

Mr. Gray was asked as to whether or not details with reference to chartered planes was a matter of common gossip among employees of the United Air Lines, and he advised that, naturally, a chartered trip created some curiosity around an airport; that if a person was curious enough and ask enough questions, he could, undoubtedly, find out about the trip. In this connection he advised that he ascertained from some person, as stated above, whose identity he cannot recall, in the United Air Lines hangar, that the reason the United Air Lines could not charter the trip was due to the fact that there was no equipment at Cleveland, Ohio, and it would be necessary to ferry equipment from Chicago.

He advised that he forgot the incident and talked about it to no other persons and is positive he talked with no newspaper men with reference to the trip.

Effort has been made to contact Mr. Emory Martin. However, efforts have been unsuccessful due to the pressure of other investigation at Cleveland in connection with the Brekid case.

Mr. Jack Heirlhy, Superintendent for the United Air Lines, Cleveland Airport, Cleveland, Ohio, was contacted with reference to this matter, and he advised that he was out of town at the time negotiations for the trip were in progress and had no first-hand information with reference to it. He did state, however, that the rules and regulations of the United Air Lines specifically provide that employees are to keep business matters confidential, especially with reference to the identity of persons traveling on their lines and chartering planes; that, of necessity, the assistant station manager must know of the chartered trips in order to supervise the equipment; that he would consider it very indiscreet for any assistant station manager to discuss the details of any trip with any minor employees in the service of the United Air Lines.

In this regard it was brought to his attention that Mr. Ralph Grospitch and the two pilots: E. D. Gray and Emory Martin, discussed the matter of the chartered trip and the identity of the persons making the trip at a time that Mr. Grospitch was fully cognizant of the fact that the Department of Justice was making the trip, and this discussion took place among Mr. Grospitch and the two pilots; Martin and Gray, at about 2:40 a.m., which was very shortly after the two pilots arrived at the Cleveland Airport on transport planes, and he was asked whether or not he considered such action on the part of Mr. Grospitch in discussing this matter with pilots who had just arrived in conformity with the company's policy of keeping matters confidential, to which Mr. Heirlhy replied in the negative. He further advised that he was very much concerned over this situation, but could offer no explanation or excuse for the matter leaking out. In this regard it was specifically pointed out to Mr. Heirlhy that the morning edition of the Cleveland Plain Dealer on Monday, March 30, 1936, carried the story with reference to the chartered plane in some detail: that is to say, the newspaper article stated that the Department of Justice was reported to have made negotiations for the trip; that the United Air Lines was first contacted, but had no equipment available at Cleveland, but the United Air Lines had contacted their Chicago headquarters for equipment and that the price for the trip by United Air Lines from Cleveland to Little Rock, Arkansas, would be \$1200; and, further, this newspaper story stated that arrangements had finally been made with the Sundorph Aeronautical Corporation for the plane at a cost of \$865. Mr. Heirlhy when confronted with this situation stated that it certainly appeared that the newspaper account had certain details which indicated that they had some direct information concerning the details of the trip and that it rather indicated that the information came through the United Air Lines.

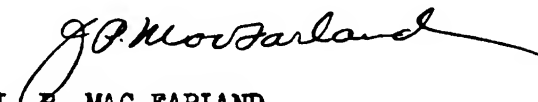
In connection with the prices for the trip, as quoted in the newspaper account, it was observed that they are incorrect; however, they are approximately correct.

In this regard Mr. E. J. Galbos in his interview stated that when he called Mr. E. C. Sundorph on the telephone with reference to the trip asked Mr. Sundorph what he would charge for the trip, and the latter advised that the plane could be chartered for \$1.00 per mile, which price would amount to \$804. However, he stated that he at no time advised Mr. E. C. Sundorph as to the price to be charged by the United Air Lines and that, therefore, Mr. E. C. Sundorph was not in a position to know the price quoted by the United Air Lines.

Mr. E. C. Sundorph was contacted when he again stated, as set out in a letter to the Director from the Cleveland office, dated April 3d, 1936, that he did not furnish information with reference to the trip to any newspaper representative; that his employees were not cognizant of the fact that the Department of Justice was entering into negotiations for the trip; that upon leaving the Cleveland Airport he logged out for Louisville, Kentucky, on instructions received from Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland.

As indicated in the letter of April 3, 1936, referred to, contact has been made by Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland and Special Agent E. J. Wynn with the employees of the Sundorph Aeronautical Corporation concerning the matter of the leak in information about the chartered trip, but said employees were unable to furnish any information as to the source of the leak. With respect to this the press release as it appeared in the Cleveland Plain Dealer indicated that the Sundorph Aeronautical Corporation had been contacted by representatives of the press but had advised the press that they knew nothing with reference to the trip.

Very truly yours,

  
J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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April 22, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Newspaper publicity concerning  
the chartering of an airplane at  
Cleveland, Ohio, on March 29, 1936,  
for a trip to Little Rock, Arkansas,  
in connection with Brekid case.

Mr. Nathan  
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Mr. Keith  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Schilder  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

The Cleveland Office conducted an investigation for the purpose of determining the source from which the newspapers learned of the chartering of a plane in Cleveland, Ohio, on March 29, 1936, for a trip to Little Rock, Arkansas.

It was ascertained by the Cleveland Office that Special Agent in Charge MacFarland made an inquiry by telephone of Lloyd Howard, Reservation Clerk, United Air Lines, Cleveland Airport, about 11:30 P.M., on March 28, 1936, concerning a chartered trip for nine men from Cleveland, Ohio, to Little Rock, Arkansas. Mr. Howard, who stated that MacFarland did not communicate to him his official capacity, immediately contacted Mr. W. F. Schmitt, Assistant Station Manager of the Airport, advising him of the inquiry. Mr. Schmitt, upon ascertaining that there was no equipment available, contacted the local Traffic Manager, Mr. E. J. Galbos, who called at the Cleveland Bureau Office and talked with Special Agent in Charge MacFarland about the proposed trip, at which time Mr. MacFarland impressed upon him the fact that the matter was of a confidential nature. Mr. Galbos then called the General Traffic Manager, a Mr. Ireland, at Chicago, Illinois, about securing the equipment, having previously intended to send a radiogram, which was cancelled upon the suggestion of Mr. W. F. Schmitt because he stated he realized the confidential nature of the matter, and who suggested to Mr. Galbos that it be transacted by long distance telephone.

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At this time Mr. Ralph Grospitch, Assistant Station Manager, came on duty and he was informed of the proposed trip by Mr. Schmitt. However, according to Mr. Schmitt he did not advise Mr. Grospitch that the matter was extremely confidential, although he had in his discussion with other persons impressed upon them the necessity of keeping the identity of the party chartering the plane a secret.

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It was later ascertained that the equipment could not be secured from Chicago in time by the United Air Lines and, accordingly, Mr. Galbos suggested to Special Agent in Charge MacFarland that possibly arrangements could be made with the Sundorph Aeronautical Corporation for the trip, and this was later done.

Mr. Grospitch was interviewed by a Special Agent, at which time he stated that Mr. Schmitt did not impress upon him the fact that the trip was of a confidential nature; that, however, as a matter of Company policy he understood the rules of the Company to be that any inquiry for a chartered plane was a confidential matter and was not to be disclosed to outside persons. Mr. Grospitch was also aware of the arrangements which had been made with the Sundorph Aeronautical Corporation and he understood that the United Air Lines asked \$1200.00 whereas the Sundorph Aeronautical Corporation agreed to make the trip for \$800.00.

Mr. Grospitch advised that about 2:40 A.M. on March 29, 1936, two pilots of the United Air Lines, Emory Martin and E. D. Gray, arrived at the Cleveland Airport on transport planes. At this time he, Mr. Grospitch, visited the coffee shop at the Terminal with these men, at which time he noticed a group of six or seven men leaving the shop and also observed Mr. E. C. Sundorph and his pilot. He stated that the fact that Mr. Sundorph and his pilot were dressed in uniforms caused some comment between the two pilots. Grospitch, Gray and Martin discussed the fact that the men with Mr. Sundorph and his pilot were Department of Justice Agents and that they were leaving the Cleveland Airport in a chartered plane of the Sundorph Aeronautical Corporation. They further discussed the fact that the United Air Lines had been contacted first with reference to the chartered plane but had been unable to furnish it.

Mr. Grospitch stated that when he first entered the coffee shop he had noticed a newspaper reporter sitting near-by, namely, Mr. J. D. Hartshorn of the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Mr. Grospitch did not directly admit that he first gave information concerning this trip to the two pilots, Martin and Gray, but did admit a discussion with them, claiming he could not recall whether he first gave them the information or whether they had received it from some other source. He expressed the opinion that Hartshorn was not within hearing distance of the conversation he had with the two pilots. However, Mr. Grospitch stated



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that before he left the coffee shop he did walk over and have a few words with the newspaper reporter, but denied that he furnished any information to him with reference to the chartering of the plane. He further stated that he talked with Mr. Sundorph regarding the "bad head winds".

Mr. Grospitch was asked whether he considered it discreet to discuss a matter of business details concerning negotiations for a charter plane by the Department of Justice with pilots of the United Air Lines, after he, Grospitch, was fully cognizant of the fact that the trip was to be made by representatives of the Department of Justice. He admitted such a matter was not a proper one to discuss with any other than the officials of the firm, and could offer no logical reason for his discussion of the matter in the coffee shop at a time when a newspaper reporter was present.

Mr. E. D. Gray, one of the pilots, stated he was positive he had talked with no newspaper men concerning the trip.

Mr. Jack Heirlhy, Superintendent for the United Air Lines, Cleveland Airport, was also contacted, at which time he stated that the rules and regulations of the United Air Lines specifically provide that employees are to keep business matters confidential, especially with reference to the identity of persons traveling on their lines and chartering planes. It was brought to his attention that this matter had been discussed by Mr. Grospitch and the two pilots in the presence of a newspaper reporter. Mr. Heirlhy stated he was very much concerned over the situation, but could offer no explanation or excuse for the matter leaking out. It was specifically called to his attention that the morning edition of the Cleveland Plain Dealer on Monday, March 30, 1936, carried the story with reference to the chartered plane in some detail, the newspaper article stating that the Department of Justice was reported to have made negotiations for the trip, that the United Air Lines was first contacted but inasmuch as the equipment was not available at Cleveland and the Chicago Office could not furnish it for less than \$1200.00 arrangements had finally been made with officials of the Sundorph Aeronautical Corporation for the plane at a cost of \$800.00. It was pointed out to Mr. Heirlhy that while there were some minor discrepancies in the newspaper account, certain details therein indicated that the newspaper had direct information concerning the trip and further indicated that the information came from the United Air Lines.

Memo for the  
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It appears that there is no question that the person responsible for the publicity in this matter was Mr. Ralph Grospitch, the Assistant Station Manager of the United Air Lines at the Cleveland Airport.

A letter addressed to the President of the United Air Lines calling his attention to this matter is attached for your consideration and approval.

Respectfully,

*P. E. Foxworth*  
P. E. Foxworth.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
April 4, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE:

I am advised that the current complete description of subject Alvin Karpis is as follows:

Age - Appears to be 25 or 26  
Height - Appears to be 5'10" or 11"  
Weight - 185 to 190 pounds  
Complexion - Light olive, fair  
Beard - Light, no stubble  
Hair - Muddy blonde (combed straight back)  
Medium low sideburns  
Eyebrows - Regular, no scars noticeable over eyes  
Eyes - Bluish gray,  $\frac{1}{2}$ " distance between eyes and brows  
Teeth - Regular; repair work noticeable in front  
Ears - Nothing unusual noticed about ears; no scars  
Face - Regular; nose not too large; nose appears to be pointed  
Medium length neck. No prominent Adam's apple. Most resembles Kansas St. Pen. photo #1539. Size of neck 14".  
Cheek bones medium high. No scars noticed on face, neck, or head. No moles. Mouth - has small lips, thin; downward droop at corners.  
Arms - Long slender hands, small effeminate; nails well kept and clean.  
Shoulders - Slightly stooped and round; walks with fast, long steps, and slouches.  
Stomach - Flat; belt size 32; large hips.  
Dress - Wears size 7 hat, usually blue or brown snap brim felt; wears three-piece suit, blue, gray, or brown double-breasted, always well pressed; white shirt, soft collar, multi-colored ties, four-in-hand. Sometimes wears corduroy jacket with zipper. Never been seen wearing gloves. Carries extra suit, clean underwear and shirts in black, Gladstone bag. Carries light brown zipper bag under left arm.  
Speech - Natural, soft voice, uses fairly good English, good conversationalist. Never calls person by correct name. Refers to person by some place or incident.  
Jewelry - Wears fair size solitaire diamond ring in gold mounting on ring finger of left hand. Square gold wrist watch, leather band, left wrist.

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Habits - Smokes Chesterfield cigarettes (one pack per day); drinks canned beer and expensive whiskey; gets drunk; never talks when drunk. Does not use narcotics. Reads all newspapers, buys large number at a time. Reads Argosy, Western Story, Detective Story, and True Story Magazines. Goes to movies frequently; any type show. Goes to night clubs; does not dance, but sits and drinks. Actions natural; drinks beer and whiskey straight. Desires female company regularly and likes to man them. Gambles - dice and poker, especially with friends. Favorite is dice. Favorite foods - steaks and chops and all vegetables. Usually stays at tourist camps when traveling. Stops frequently at beer joints along road while traveling and at rest rooms. Likes fishing and hunting. Likes Plymouth and Buick automobiles, blue or black. Good automobile driver; drives fast. Now drives a 1936 red Buick sedan, Arkansas 1936 tag in name of C. O. Sullivan, radio in car. Is poor shot with .22 rifle. (Informant thinks he carries .45 auto-loading pistol in zipper bag.) Cleans teeth and bathes regularly. No venereal disease of any kind apparent. Likes baseball and boxing. Interested in Joe Lewis, and attends boxing matches.

Hearing - Good

Eyesight - Good (Wears gold frame, rimless, octagon glasses at all times.)

WILLIAM BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

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April 4, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE <sup>FILE</sup> DIRECTOR

Re: Dr. Joseph P. Moran

A letter was addressed to Mr. Ladd, in Chicago, in the Bremer case to the effect that handwriting specimens of Dr. Robert Orville Ormiston have been conclusively identified as being identical with the handwriting specimens of "Doc" Moran in this case. Inasmuch as the investigation at the time the laboratory report was submitted disclosed rather conclusively that Ormiston is not, in fact, "Doc" Moran, it was thought inadvisable to send this laboratory report to the field and, accordingly, this report was held until Ormiston's exact identity had been determined. The results of the investigation to this end revealed that in the latter part of August of 1934 Bruno Austin proceeded to Toledo, Ohio with Bryan Bolton and that he there became acquainted with Ted and Bert Angus; however, he did not know them very well. Austin and Bolton stayed in Toledo probably one week or more and during that time resided at a cottage owned by Bert Angus, which was located about twelve miles out of Toledo on Lake Erie. During this time Bolton and Austin saw members of the Barker-Karpis gang occasionally and investigation conducted at this point shows that members of the Barker-Karpis gang were in this vicinity from March of 1934 to the latter part of September, 1934. Russell Gibson, according to Bruno Austin, resided in a hotel in Toledo, Ohio.

One evening while Bolton, Russell Gibson, "Doc" Barker and "Doc" Moran were together they all proceeded to a tavern located in a downtown hotel section. At this point, the description of the tavern should be noted because it conforms to descriptions related by other persons in the gang who stated they believed "Doc" Moran was "thrown to the fishes" in Lake Erie. A bar extended on the left-hand side of the tavern and many tables were placed on a dance floor in the rear. On this occasion all the members of the gang were drinking and "Doc" Moran became intoxicated to such a point that he was unable to stand on his own feet. During the course of the evening conversation was directed to "Doc" Moran and his intoxicated condition was commented upon. It was recalled that "Doc" Barker mentioned that the gang would take care of "Doc" Moran and both

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Russell Gibson and "Doc" Barker spoke of "pushing", meaning to kill, "Doc" Moran in some manner. They spoke of getting a rope or wire and fastening a concrete block about the body of "Doc" Moran and it was Bruno Austin's recollection that the concrete block was to have been obtained from the tavern owner. About 11:00 P.M. Gibson and "Doc" Barker left the tavern with "Doc" Moran. Bolton and Austin remained about one-half hour and then returned to Bert Angus' cottage outside of Toledo, Ohio about 3:00 A.M. The following morning, Gibson and Barker came to the cottage, Barker's explanation of the wet clothing that he had on at the time of his return, as related to Austin, was that while he and Gibson were out in a boat it became very rough and during the course of this trip he had gotten "soaked" with water. During the course of the conversation Barker mentioned that he and Gibson had taken care of "Doc" Moran.

On March 14, 1935, Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, in his letter of that date, related an interview had with Bert Angus at Toledo, Ohio. Angus is a gambler and racketeer of Toledo, Ohio and efforts were made at this interview to obtain information relative to the whereabouts of the remaining members of the gang. During the course of the interview, "Doc" Moran was referred to. Angus states that on the night "Doc" Moran apparently disappeared, he recalled that he went to his cottage at Lake Erie and that when he left the Little Casino Club, which is owned by the Angus brothers, there was some discussion concerning "Doc" Barker, Slim Gray and "Doc" Moran. Angus states that this occasion was the last time he saw "Doc" Moran and he fixes this time as being the early summer of 1934. It should be noted that at this time Angus operated Middle Island and also stated that Ollie Berg, Russell Gibson and "Doc" Barker had considered buying Ted's power boat. These persons went out to look at the power boat and Ted took them to Middle Island; however, the sale was not completed.

Information concerning "Doc" Moran has also been furnished by John DeCoursey, an Attorney at Law who defended Arthur Barker during the Bremer trial at St. Paul in the Spring of 1935 and who is the subject of a recent memorandum submitted concerning his efforts to obtain leniency for Harry Sawyer. DeCoursey mentioned to "Doc" Barker that "Doc" Moran might be in a position to testify against him, Barker. The latter stated that Moran was one person who would not be able to do any testifying. DeCoursey advised that this statement was made to him in such a manner that it led him to the conclusion that Doctor Moran was dead. DeCoursey stated that Barker did not definitely state that Moran was dead, but that had he said so, in fact, it would not have been any more convincing than what was said to him and the manner

in which it was said.

Edna Murray, who was interviewed at the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, has also advised relative to "Doc" Moran. She has stated that a few days after May 24, 1934 she was visited at the Casino Club in Toledo, Ohio by "Doc" Moran, Fred Barker and Slim Gibson; that Moran was doing a considerable amount of drinking; that at this time Moran suggested the possibility of operating upon the fingertips of Bill Weaver, it being noted that Weaver had been previously reluctant to have his fingerprints changed by Doctor Moran; that Moran asserted Weaver was yellow; that at this time Moran became unduly loud and was cautioned by Fred Barker to keep quiet and stop drinking. Moran, however, continued to drink, whereupon Fred Barker told him that he, Moran, was nothing but a drunkard and the gang was sorry they had anything to do with him. "Doc" Moran then became boisterous and remarked "What are you trying to do, bawl me out. You fellows got me in this trouble and now I got all of you in the palm of my hand". Then Fred Barker winked at Edna Murray and Slim and put his arm around Moran's shoulders and said "Never mind 'Doc' you are a little tight - what you need is a boat ride". Subsequently, "Doc" Moran, accompanied by Fred and Slim left the Casino Club and Edna Murray observed them drive away in Fred Barker's Ford sedan. She never saw Moran after that.

Subsequent to this incident a few days later, Edna Murray talked to "Doc" Barker, at which time he was having trouble with an infection in his face as a result of a facial operation and remarks were made concerning the poor work "Doc" Moran had done, at which time "Doc" Barker made the remark that he, "Doc" Moran, would not do any more cutting up; that the "Fishes" had him. Edna Murray stated that a few days later she visited with Fred Barker. They talked about her needed operation [REDACTED] at which time they discussed "Doc" Moran, whereupon Fred Barker remarked "he is not cutting up any more people". She also stated that during the course of the Bremer trial in St. Paul, there were conversations between "Doc" Barker and his lawyer, DeCoursey, with regard to the death of Doctor Moran. She stated that the operations upon the faces of the members of the gang had not been a success and that she had often heard members of the gang suggest disposing of Doctor Moran. b7c

Elmer Farmer was likewise interviewed on the subject of "Doc" Moran and stated that while he and "Doc" Barker were on trial in St. Paul, "Doc" Barker on one occasion mentioned, when "Doc" Moran's name came up, that Willie Harrison and "Doc" Moran were two persons who would never take the stand against them.

Prior to receipt of the aforementioned information, [redacted] a confidential informant of the Chicago Office, obtained information from Edith Berry, a Toledo contact for Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, to the effect that "Doc" Moran is presently hiding out in Guadalupe, Mexico, which town is located in the mountains near Mexico City, Mexico. Edith Berry disclosed [redacted] that the "boys", meaning Karpis and Campbell, are out to "get" "Doc" Moran since he has absconded with \$20,000 of their money. Reports have been current to the effect that "Doc" Moran is dead and it is recalled that Volney Davis has informed Bureau Agents that Moran was killed in Toledo, Ohio by "Doc" Barker and Russell Gibson, at which time his body was thrown in Lake Erie. However, Jimmy Wilson furnished information to the effect that the last time Wilson and "Doc" Barker saw Moran was in Detroit, Michigan at a night club, at which time Moran was associating with a woman and had two transportation tickets in his possession; that at this time Moran told Wilson and "Doc" Barker that he had two tickets and was going some place far away, but would not tell anyone where he was going. For this reason, some credence should be given to the information obtained by [redacted] from Edith Berry.

In view of the fact that there was no such town as previously mentioned in Mexico, the matter was discussed with [redacted] and he stated that he believed the Mexican town referred to by Edith Berry as the place where Moran is located was Guadalajara; however, in the light of the information furnished, the San Antonio Office was directed to disregard the Bureau's request to conduct investigation in Mexico in an effort to locate "Doc" Moran. This request was directed to the San Antonio Office on November 1, 1935.

On November 11, 1935, as reflected in the report of Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni, Aberdeen, South Dakota, information was obtained that one Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston was admitted to a transient camp at Fargo, North Dakota in June of 1935 and was later transferred to a transient camp at Cando, North Dakota. He was identified by numerous persons as being identical with Dr. Joseph P. Moran. Handwriting specimens were obtained and forwarded to the Technical Laboratory for examination. It was stated by persons at Langdon, North Dakota that Moran had been at a transient camp all summer and that he had left town the latter part of August or the first of September.

During the course of the investigation conducted in North Dakota, it was learned that Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston was conversant with



medical terms and it appears that he performed certain tricks while attached to the transient camps at Fargo, Cando and Langdon, North Dakota. The laboratory reported on November 18, 1935 in a letter under that date to Werner Hanni that, with reference to Hanni's letter of November 9, 1935 transmitting six ledger sheets containing specimens of the handwriting of Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston for examination in connection with this case, upon an examination of the material submitted, no identification was effected. The laboratory report shows, in part, evidence of a large number of similarities in the handwriting and handprinting of Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston and the known handwriting of Dr. Joseph P. Moran and would tend to indicate a strong possibility that these specimens were written by Dr. Moran. No positive conclusion, however, was reached.

However, a teletype message was directed to the Aberdeen Office on November 18, 1935 to the effect that inasmuch as the known handwriting of Dr. Joseph P. Moran indicates considerable similarity with the handwriting appearing on the ledger sheets of Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston, the Aberdeen Office was requested to investigate thoroughly and promptly all angles suggested in Mr. Hanni's report of November 9, 1935.

On December 5, 1935 eight prescriptions in the handwriting of subject Joseph P. Moran, which were obtained from the Depue Pharmacy at Depue, Illinois, for temporary use, were transmitted to the laboratory.

Inasmuch as information had been obtained that Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston attended the Michigan State College at Lansing, Michigan, investigation was conducted there and also at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan and no record was obtained. Further inquiry at Langdon, North Dakota concerning Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston disclosed that Ormiston had a niece at Edgeley, North Dakota. Ormiston also stated while at Langdon that his father died at Bismarck, North Dakota a little more than a year and a half prior to December 10, 1935. Persons who were interviewed noted the resemblance between pictures of Dr. Moran and Dr. Ormiston.

Additional specimens were transmitted for the attention of the Technical Laboratory on December 23, 1935. These included four pay roll sheets dated August 1, 8, 15 and 22, 1935, each of which contains the signature of Robert Ormiston and were furnished by C. A. Narum, State Director of Transient Activities, Bismarck, North Dakota.

Inquiry at Fargo and Bismarck, North Dakota indicated that Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston was not identical with Dr. Joseph P. Moran. A strong resemblance, however, between the picture of Dr. Moran and the man going by the name of Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston was noted. No proof was found that Ormiston was a doctor.

It was ascertained at Minot, North Dakota that a person by the name of "Speed" Wallace, who resided at that point, knew Dr. Ormiston to be one Armstrong, a factory representative of the Durant Motor Company, Detroit, Michigan, in the year 1923. "Speed" Wallace failed to identify pictures of Moran as being identical with Armstrong. At this stage of the investigation it was determined that descriptions of Dr. Moran and Dr. Ormiston were at considerable variance and nothing definite was shown to connect Ormiston with "Doc" Moran.

Under date of December 26, 1935 Mr. Connelley was advised that a laboratory report had been prepared, but which, however, was not transmitted, identifying further specimens of the handwriting of Dr. Ormiston, sent in by the Aberdeen Office, as that of "Doc" Moran. According to Mr. Connelley, the most recent report shows that Ormiston has now been identified as an individual named Armstrong, who worked for the Durant Motor Company in Minneapolis. Investigation was immediately conducted to ascertain whether there was, in fact, an individual by the name of Armstrong who was known to persons in Langdon, North Dakota and vicinity as Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston.

Investigation conducted by the Detroit, Michigan Office and a search made at the Durant Motor Company, which company's records were destroyed in 1935, failed to disclose any information concerning Armstrong which would be of assistance in this matter. However, investigation conducted by the St. Paul Office at Minneapolis was to the effect that one Armstrong was known to the Oldsmobile Agency at Minneapolis and that this Armstrong was connected with the Durant Agency in 1925. It was further learned that Armstrong was district representative of the Durant Motor Company and worked at Minneapolis and that he was under the personal supervision of Richard H. Thornton, who was Zone Manager for the Durant Motor Company at that time.

It was further learned that one Robert Carville Ormiston had stated to Iver Tollefson that he had a girl at Fisher, Minnesota by the last name of "Krustdue". It was further determined that this person was identical with Miss Theresa Krustue, of Fisher, Minnesota, and was presently employed as a nurse at Mercy Hospital, Columbus, Ohio. Upon being interviewed at Columbus, Ohio and upon viewing photographs of Dr.

Joseph P. Moran she stated that these bore a striking likeness to her former fiance, one Walter Raymond/Armstrong. She stated that there is a remarkable resemblance except for the eyes, which are apparently different. Miss Krostue advised that she became acquainted with Walter Raymond Armstrong in 1922 at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota; that she knew Armstrong for a period of four years, from 1922 through 1925; that she has not seen nor heard from him in ten years; that further, at the time she knew Armstrong he was a field representative for Star and Durant cars and that he was also interested in an automobile finance company which had offices in the Baker Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota and which had headquarters at South Bend, Indiana. It was her recollection that Armstrong became involved in some financial difficulty with this company, in that he had swindled a large amount of money and had also passed several bad checks. Armstrong, according to Miss Krostue, was also called "Army". This nickname was not due to any Army or military service which he had, but was a contraction of the name Armstrong.

Armstrong, according to Miss Krostue, was very well educated and intelligent, but had never shown any aptitude or experience along medical lines. From the information furnished by Miss Krostue, it is apparent that Walter Raymond Armstrong is not identical with subject Moran and it is believed very likely that Armstrong is identical with Robert Carville Ormiston. As a result of this information, the Aberdeen Office was requested to exhibit immediately to persons familiar with Ormiston the photograph of Armstrong and to ascertain if this is the same individual.

In view of the information furnished by Miss Krostue, the photograph of Walter Raymond Armstrong was displayed to persons familiar with Robert Carville Ormiston at Langdon and Bismarck, North Dakota, who identified the photograph as being identical with Ormiston. Those persons not making a positive identification of the photograph of Armstrong as being Ormiston did, however, note a strong resemblance and furnished no satisfactory reason for these two persons not being identical.

In view of the positive identifications at Langdon and Bismarck, North Dakota, upon viewing the photograph of Walter Raymond Armstrong, the conclusion was drawn that Ormiston was not identical with Dr. Joseph P. Moran and the various offices were requested to discontinue any further investigation as to the location of Robert Carville Ormiston.

Respectfully,

*A. Rosen*

A. Rosen

Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

April 7, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent John E. Brennan, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated April 1, 1936, which report sets forth a summary of the various logs submitted on the telephone tap being maintained on the telephone of John B. Davenport, 4109 Columbus Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, identifying certain individuals whose names have been mentioned over the telephone tap.

It is noted on page 5 of this report, referring to log of February 27, 1936, that at 11:00 a.m. Belle called Esther, Walnut 4354; that no such telephone number has been issued in Minneapolis, but in subsequent conversations it was indicated that Esther is a sister of Bardella Christopherson, Bardella Christopherson being the wife of Arthur Christopherson who resides at the Davenport home.

Your attention is now invited to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 26, 1936, and the information contained therein concerning the investigation conducted at Chicago, Illinois, relative to a telephone call which was made from the Davenport home on November 5, 1935, to Cicero, Illinois, telephone number Nevada 5563. The investigation by the Chicago Bureau Office concerning this call revealed that several telegrams had been placed over the telephone having number Nevada 5563. One telegram dated November 5, 1935, addressed to William Deckery, Manor Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, read as follows:

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"SEND MONEY TO ESTHER THOMASON CARE MYRTLE BLOOM  
3848 WILCOX STREET CHICAGO" -- signed "MYRTLE"

It appears, therefore, that the telephone call on November 5, 1935, made from the Davenport home was undoubtedly made to Esther Thomason, sister of Berdella Christopherson.

It is requested that you conduct the appropriate investigation to ascertain whether the Esther referred to in the log of the tap on the Davenport telephone is in fact Esther Thomason.

To assist you in this investigation, your attention is called to the telegram dated November 18, 1935, set forth in the report of Agent Suran which telegram was addressed to Mrs. Frieda Nelson, care of Myrtle Bloom, 1517 Stevens Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, which read as follows:

"AM HERE GOING TO HOSPITAL TO SEE BILLY WEDNESDAY  
COME IF POSSIBLE CALL NEVADA 5563" -- signed  
"MYRTLE"

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 8, 1936.

Time - 10:00 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

SAC Brantley telephoned me from the Oklahoma City Office with reference to the teletype which he received yesterday from Mr. Connelley advising that further questioning of Informant Clayton Hall had developed information concerning another possible hideout of the subjects of this case some place either in Texas or Oklahoma, possibly Warsaw, Texas. Mr. Brantley said they could find no town in Oklahoma which sounded like "Warsaw" with the exception of one town near Tulsa, Oklahoma, which is called Owasso. This town is in Tulsa County and is between Tulsa and Claremore, Oklahoma.

Along these same lines, however, Mr. Brantley said there is a development in that vicinity. He said one of his Agents yesterday was talking with Post Office Inspector George Hill, who has lived in the vicinity of Tulsa and Claremore for about 20 years, and George Hill says he has a confidential informant at Claremore through whom he is getting some hot information concerning this case. During the night, Hill called Post Office Inspector Haynes at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and told him and the others to come into Tulsa, Oklahoma, today. Special Agents Frank Smith and B. L. Dameron, Joe Anderson of the Kansas State Police, and Post Office Inspectors Haynes are leaving this morning or have already left Hot Springs, Arkansas, for Tulsa. Mr. Brantley said that Agent Kingman of his office is right with George Hill and has been with him for a couple of days. However, when Hill went near Claremore to contact his informant, he asked that Kingman not go along, and it was only fair under the circumstances that we not intrude to that extent. We at this time have no definite information as to who this informant is or what kind of information he is giving, but Mr. Brantley said he is having Special Agent Paul Hansa, who is in northern Oklahoma at this time, drop down into that vicinity.

I suggested to Mr. Brantley that it would be a good idea for him to go over to Tulsa and be on the grounds there in the event anything happens. I told him he could leave Agent Little on the desk and proceed to Tulsa to be readily available to take charge of any developments. Mr. Brantley said he would wait until he hears something from the men from Hot Springs, and then wire the Bureau the time of his departure and where he can be reached in Tulsa. Mr. Brantley said he will keep in close touch with this situation, and the Bureau will be kept advised of any tangible developments.

Respectfully,

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

With further reference to Bureau letter dated September 8, 1935, relative to a cover being maintained on the mail of Elmer Farmer, register number 47103, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, there are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau and to each of the offices designated below copies of the following correspondence:

Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer dated 3-18-36.  
Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer, undated, received at the Kansas City Office 3-20-36.  
Letter to Helen Conliff from Elmer Farmer dated 3-16-36.  
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Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH  
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Letter received from Blanche Brabant for Elmer Farmer, #47103. Postmarked:  
Melrose Park, Ill, March 19, 1936.

March 18, 1936.

Dear Elmer,

I just received your letter written the 15th. I am very sorry to hear you are not feeling well. I was afraid that you would get sick on account of being inside so long. Be sure and see the Dr. there and have him examine your lungs, it must be the same trouble in your lungs that you had before, and unless you get sunshine and air your health will break down.

I am writing Sanford Bates today.

Chub just left here, he was here a couple of hours and left just before I got your letter, he said Harry Peters was in and heard from his niece, she said she will try and do what she can for you, but right now the governor is so busy campaigning its difficult to do anything, but she will do what she can.

Chub said Kenny was in to see him, he asked about you and said be sure and send you his best regards, he is going to be in that vicinity next summer and asked him if he could see you. Chub told him we are the only ones allowed to see you, but maybe he being states attorney, would be allowed to see you.

Business is pretty good as the railroad is hiring a lot of new men. Chub is saving up for his license, he says he doesn't spend any money at all. I'll tell him you said to give me the money to save for him.

So you dreamed J. P. Lynch died, he was very sick during the winter but he is going along alright now, but of course he's liable to go any day. I think the policies are all being paid. I'll ask Chub about them. I know he said he's paying all your insurance as it comes due, so you can cash in on it when you come back.

Am glad you are getting the daily papers and magazines. I'll get the Saturday Evening Post and read the story you mentioned. I was in Chicago yesterday and was going to get a Post but the car came along and I didn't have time to buy one. I mailed your letter from the loop so you ought to get it this week.

I will be anxious to hear from you and know what the Dr. says about your chest. When you had pneumonia the Dr. said it affected your lungs and you would have to keep outside as much as possible. Raymond would not have died if he had worked outside. If Bates don't place you in some work, I'll write to Reed and see if he will write him as soon as Reed gets back here, we will see him and ask him if he can do anything for you.

I'll close now and hope you get this Saturday. Gifford is working he would like to see you and maybe we can come down together this summer.



Love from both of us. Your sister

Blanche Brabant  
275 Geneva Ave.  
Elmhurst, Ill



Letter received from Blanche Brabant for Elmer Farmer, #47103.

Dear Elmer

I was going to write to you yesterday, but had company so couldn't write until to-day. I received your letter Thursday and was glad to hear from you. Chub was over and said he hasn't heard from Peters since he wrote to his niece, he will let me know when he hears from him. I hope you will be given work on the farm too, that would be healthy for you, you have been inside so long. We have been having nice weather here but today is cold and dark, it looks like its going to rain. I intend to go downtown (Chicago) tomorrow if its not raining. I don't go in to Chicago very often. Gifford is getting the garden ready it will soon be time to plant, we just used the last of our tomatoes, the ones we put up and I expect to can a lot more this summer, it certainly helps out on the food bill. I think it would be nice to have a larger place, about one acre, and have a real farm, maybe we can do that when you come back, as you know a lot about farming. I didn't send you any candy as you are not allowed to have it, but as you can buy candy bars there, its not so bad.

I will write S. Bates as soon as you give me his address, unless you have been given work.

We are on eastern time here, no one like it. Gifford don't get home till 7.30.

Love from both of us.

Blanche Brabant  
275 Geneva Ave, Elmhurst, Ill.

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103, to Helen Conliff.

Leavenworth, Kansas, March 16, 1936.

Dear Helen

I received your letter last Sunday night March 8th. sorry to hear your aunt May is sick. I suppose you have plenty to do now with all the house work. I did not receive Jacks letter so if he wrote he didnt sign his name and address on it and by not doing that I didnt get it. I never received Irens eather so thats about what she did also. I didnt get out to work last weak as the weather was not very nice down here, its much better this week so hope I get out soon. Did you bring that gold bridge with you from Bensenville if you did let me know as I think I can have it put back in down here. I just received your letter mailed March 12th and was sorry to hear about your cousin death. it seems like everything must happen at once. there is onley one of those people that expects to get out on bonds, he is the old man from Detroit the other too are not trying to get out on bonds. thay are appeling the hole Linberg law to the highest court so that will help every one that is here under it. I hope thay do find something wrong with it and have to let me out. thats about the onley way I ever will get out. the two from StPaul is in here with me and the old man is working in here some place. I talk to these that are in here with me every day that are alright to me. thay said you sent a letter to the goverment or signed some papers for them that why you were up there but thay didnt need you, after Edna and Bolton took the stand. thay both seem to be getting along alright and both had a visit this week some of there family was here to see them. thay seem to think t the law will not hold up in the higher courts and thay will be out then. I dont think thay ever will do anything about the Lindberg law its realy not a just law for every one that comes under it but thay have to many people in prison on it now and will try and keep them there, if thay can. I know Jonnie is in Lewisburg and taking up a pre-medical course. he will be out soon now he get out in twenty month from the date he was sentence. that is the best place the goverment has were Jonnie is at. I wish I could be sent there. this is about all for this week. Best wish to you and May

Elmer Farmer

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, #47103. Postmarked: Chicago, Ill.  
March 12, 1936.

Wednesday afternoon.

Dearest Elmer:

Received your short letter today and was so glad to hear from you. I suppose you will not get your card for your birthday and I amso sorry but I do not know what you are going to think when I tell you this. We had another death in our family. My cousin Irene Waldie Helen's sister died Saturday and of course you can imagine what things were like, as my aunt is still sick and is still in bed. I really meant to write to you sooner but just did not get a chance. We certainly have had enough deaths in our family in the last three months. I do really and truly think I am going to get a steady job soon, cashiering in a meat market, I certainly hope so.

I really am surprised about those people from StPaul being able to get out on bonds. I imagine it will take a lot of money to appeal the case and take it to a higher court, won't it? Tell me all about it. When you write again. So glad to hear they do not feel resentful toward you, how do you feel about them and what did they say about me? Thats a good thing to have you working outdoors it makes you feel better.

Well, honey, whats the difference about whether you bought a coat or not, you really were going out with the person and you cannot deny that to me anyway because I never would believe you. I have heard too many things about things that you done and when I talked to you, I found out some things that you did not realize you were telling me. So whats the good of me writing and telling you what people tell me, you know yourself what I am likely to hear and what I already have heard, so lets skip it from now on. But I would like to assure you that I feel rather funny when they tell me different things because I really was dumb not to ever know about things long before I did. I heard from Ann yesterday, she is fine and looking forward to her trip to Chicago. She told me Jimmie is in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania and is taking a pre-medical course. Thats a good thing isnt it? I do not know how things are out in Bensenville, nor do I know any news from out there. I guess this is just about all for this time and I will write to you in a day or two and here's hoping I have more news for you so ol' dear hoping you are feeling O. K. and will close with lots of love

Helen Conliff  
4143 West End Ave  
Chicago, Ill.

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103, to Blanche Brabant.

Leavenworth, Kansas, March 15, 1936.

Dear Blanche

I received your letter Thursday night and suppose by now you have received my letter from last Sunday telling you I could not receive anything sent to me in here. I didnt get out side to work any this last week, the weather was not so nice down here, but it is very nice now. I think I will have to see the Doctor here about my lungs as thay seem to bother me now. I am inside so much with out any fresh air or sun shine and at night I am beginning to cough and that keeps me awake. I get all the rest I can in the day time but I have that burning feeling in my back that tires me out. Sanford Bates is Superintendent of Prisons and he is in Washington, D. C. so you will have to write him there, he has no office here. I dont care what kind of work I get there is no hard work in here so I can do any of it. That will make business much better if thay move galewood shops out to Bensenville it will put more men to work and that should be better for Chub. so he is not playing the horses or drinking any more that sounds good but its pretty hard to beleave any way I hope its true. I think if he would give you so much money each month it would be better for him. I dont think Chub can save money very long mabey you could save it for him see if he wont do that. Gifford is dressing the car all up for the summer now that sure is a good car to stand up this long and he also is getting his garden ready to plant, he as plenty to do now. why dont you have chub spade up the garden for you it would do him good. I hope that letter Harry peters sent to his neice help me. Reed must know Bates as thay are both republicans and have been for a long time. I signed up for the Chicago American for another six months and I get two papers from Kansas City each day so I have plenty of reading. Also I get liberty and post each week there is a story in the post about Bensenville this week. I havent read it yet so dont know just what it is. I had a dream that J P Lynch was dead so tell Chub to keep up the insurance on him it will help you some. Best wishes to you and Gifford.

Elmer Farmer

Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer, #47103. Postmarked: Elmhurst,  
Ill. March 10, 1936.

March 9, 1936.

Dear Elmer

I received your letter Saturday, we only get one mail a day here now, we used to get two, I thought it was only during the cold weather we were getting one mail, but the weather is warm now and we still have just one delivery. We were glad to hear of you, and that you worked a few days. I will write to Sanford Bates, but in McMeekin's letter, he gave his address as Leavenworth, Superintendent of the Bureau Prisons, but you say Washington, so you can get me his correct address and I will write to him. Do you want outside work only, you can tell me in your next letter. I hope Harry Peters letter to his niece will do some good, but suppose it will take some time. I hope they do not transfer you and I don't think they will. This is fine weather to be out in, and I hope you can get outside to work soon. When I write to Mr. Bates, I will ask if he could have you placed outside work or would you want any kind of work, you can let me know and get his address from the office so I'll have it correct.

I think the St. Paul is going to move everything to Bensenville. Chub said they are starting to move already taking everything from Galewood. They are hiring a lot of new men and business should improve. Chub says he never plays the horses anymore and don't drink anything. He says he is going to save his money and have everything fine when you come back.

Gifford worked on the car yesterday, putting on new tires and cleaning it, he is going to paint it, so that may improve it some. He is getting the garden ready as they didn't sell the house and we expect to stay here for another year anyway, he has the place looking very nice and we like it here.

You have another letter from me written a week ago, asking if we could send you card for your birthday, if you wrote Sunday I'll get it the end of this week and if allowed we will mail it to you. Is there anything else you want that we could send you. Love from both of us.

Blanche Brabant  
275 Geneva Avenue,  
Elmhurst, Illinois.

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103, to Blanche Brabant.

Leavenworth, Kansas, March 7, 1936.

Dear Blanche.

Received your letter Thursday glad to hear you and Gifford are both well. I have not worked since Tuesday but hope to go out this week and work agin. the weather is very nice down here, I see by the papers you are having nice weather in Chicago also. Chub must be feeling much better when he was over to see you twice in a few days. I hope Harry Peters neice can help me to get some kind of work in here, I would like to stay in here and not be transferred to some other place as this is the nearest place to Chicago all the other place are much farther away. I dont think Peters or Frenchie can get in here to see me so thay better find out for sure befor thay come down. you and Chub are the onley ones that are allowed to see me now. I am not allowed to have anything sent to me onley once a year on Christmass so dont send any thing as I would not get it. I suppose Gifford will soon start to get the garden ready for this year. thay have a nice farm down here I would like to work on. Best wishes to you and Gifford.

Elmer Farmer



Letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103, to Helen Conliff.

Leavenworth, Kansas, March 7, 1936.

Dear Helen

Received your letter Friday and was sorry to hear you are not working steady. I dont think the government would stop you from getting work. I worked Monday and Tuesday of last week and hope I get out to work again this week. it sure is lovely weather we are having down here. I see by the papers you are having nice weather in Chicago also. so mary told you I bought Ann a coat thats news to me. I dont suppose she would of said anything like that if I had given her boy friend the money he wanted to fix thing up in Wheaton so thay would not keep him there on account of the other girl friend. those people from StPaul are in here with me now so I talk to them every day. thay told me all about the trial up there and why you were there. thay hold nothing against me and said thay never knew me or never was in my place. thay have statements from some of the help I had out there also. thay are taking there case up to the highest court. one of them expects to get out on bonds soon. Best wishes to you and May

Elmer Farmer

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, #47103. Postmarked, Chicago, Ill.,  
March 6, 1936.

Thursday Evening.

Dearest Elmer:

Received your letter this morning and as usual was glad to hear from you. I had planned on writing you this afternoon, but just did not get a chance. My aunt is still sick, I guess I told you she was in my last letter and I am playing nurse maid and I am housekeeper too so I am quite a busy lady and oh yes, Albert is away and has been since Tuesday over at Abers house, he really is not much help when he is here, but he could tend to the furnace, well, that's that, anyway, my aunt has the grippe and believe me she keeps me hopping all day and night too. I just fell asleep and she calls me to get her a glass of water or something else. Mary's father-in-law died Sunday so I went to see him Monday night and I went with Rose and Bill Palmer, so I had to get off at Cicero & Madison (I was on the street car) I stopped in to see Virginia. She looks fine and she said Jack wrote to you. They have moved from the house I told you they were living in when they first got married. They now have a small apartment in the theatre building out there, so I told her you did not receive Jack's letter and told her to tell him to write to you again. She told me to say hello. Bill asked all about you and said to send his regards and said if he got a chance he would write to you, but he is busy now on account of elections and all that. I was going to the funeral with Rose and him but I could not leave my aunt alone, so did not go. I hope you are right about me getting steady work. I certainly keep on answering enough ads. I wish they would let you work a little oftener. I am sure you would be a lot better off. You know honey, I do not think they are going to move you from there. If they were now that the trial is over they would have done so by this time. I do not hear much about the Black Cat. I guess he is going along O.K. or I would have. Do you remember those people who had the flat in the hotel? I guess they were well drillers or something. Well, anyway remember that young woman that had glasses and George Carlin left with her as I remember, anyway she has a roadhouse in Pekin and he still sees her. He is just as big a bunk artist as ever. I have not heard anything about J. P. lately, but will try and find out about him and let you know. Honey don't let them take your teeth out until it is absolutely necessary. I guess this is about all as this is all the paper I have. I am going to buy some when I mail this, so ol' dear will write to you in a day or so. So hoping you are getting along O. K. and I sure hope you get out to work oftener. Will close with lots of love

Helen Conliff  
4143 West End Ave  
Chicago, Ill.

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103, to Blanche Brabant.

Leavenworth, Kansas, March 3, 1936.

Dear Blanche

Received your letter today also ten dollars that was in it. So you are having freak weather there. we are having fine weather here just like summer. I worked half day last Thursday and this week I worked Monday and Tuesday so far I hope I get work steady now. it is not hard work onley cleaning up around the yard I like it because its out side work. I hope thay dont transfer me to Alcatraz but write to Mr. McMeekin and see what he can do about it. Sanford Bates in Washington is the man that sends you there. you can write to him now and see if he cant have me put to work in here. the way I am here now I am not allowed to go to church or shows on Saturday and Sunday afternoon all the other men except those that are in here with me go out in the yard to see the ball game or play some kind of game there self. and why I am kepp like this is something I cant find out. I have wrote letters to the office about it and thay sent me word that no change in my case has been made. I am in here like that for nine months now. Chub was over to see you and is getting along alright now thats fine. he should come over to see you often and give you what money he can as he sure dont know what to do with it when he has it. I suppose he still plays the horses and that helps to keep him broke. Charlie Cook received my letter alright I thought he would. he showed it to Chub, it was only a short letter not much to it onley thanking him for writing to me and wanting to do some thing for me. I know there is lots of the men out there that would help me if they could but I dont know how thay could Peters is the onley one that can do anything for me now. Your birthday is tomorrow I wished you a happy birthday in my last letter and my birthday is one week from today I wont count my birthdays until I get out. I see in the papers that the StPaul Railroad is going to spend a lot of money on improvements so that should make business good in Bensonville Chub can look for a good business all summer in that case. I hope Gifford gets steady work soon then things will be much better. I am getting along allright and feeling fine this is about all the news for now but will write you agin this Sunday. Best regards to you and Gifford.

Elmer Farmer.

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, #47103. Postmarked: Chicago, Ill. March 3, 1936.

Dearest Elmer

I received your nice letter this morning and so thought I would answer it.

Not much news to tell you about. I did not work all week. Which makes it very nice? I stopped writing this Friday and now it is Monday afternoon, so here goes again. I am sorry for my delay, please overlook it, I did not work today either, however, I have answered several blind ads in the paper and this morning I finally received a letter from a company to call at the office so I did and it looks promising, the man is going to call me tomorrow or Wednesday and let me know. I certainly hope so. You know honey, I have often thought since I made that trip to St. Paul and did not show any inclination to help those people up there, and they evidently thought I could or they would not have brought me up there if someone from that "organization" did not do something to prevent me from getting on steady at Fields. Things were very promising for me before I made that trip and I was supposed to be put on steady in two weeks from the date I was put on part time and as yet I have not in fact get very little work at all. I wonder, what do you think?

My aunt has been sick in bed since Saturday with a cold, so I am playing nurse. My cousin Mary called me up yesterday and she is trying to get me into the telephone co. I hope she does. She was telling me she saw Ann one day. I guess they are back from Europe. They are living here in Chicago. Mary also told me she had the fur coat on you bought her for Christmas. I mean the Christmas just before you went away. While you were passing out fur coats, why didnt you buy me one? I really thought I was quite groomed in my \$25. coat that I bought myself. You know Elmer, I guess I should feel peeved about all the things I have heard about you and those people and the money you spent on them and gave them, but I do not, somehow or other I feel sorry for you, because all they cared about you for was your money and having you spend it in their place. Not one of them cared for you outside of that. I received a letter from Ann Saturday, she is fine and said to say hello to you. I have not heard from anyone out in B. since I was out there last. Well, ol' dear, I guess this is about all for this time, not a long letter I know but will try and send you a newsier one next time. Hope you are working and getting along nicely. Will close with lots of love.

Helen Conliff  
4143 West End Ave  
Chicago, Ill.

Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer, #47103. Postmarked: Elmhurst, Ill,  
March 2, 1936.

March 1, 1936

Dear Elmer

I received your letter written the 25th, Saturday, and was very glad to hear from you. I had mailed you a letter with ten dollars which I suppose you have received by now.

Chub came over this morning and he said Harry Peters was in, and he would write a letter to his niece for you, (she is secretary to the Lieut. Gov.) we wrote a letter asking that you be assigned outside work and anything that can be done to help you would be greatly appreciated. Harry Peters will copy the letter and send it to his niece, he said he would be very glad to help you and he is going to come down and see you this summer. Chub said that Reed will be back here campaigning for his re-election this summer, we will see him then. I hope you can be placed at some outside work soon as you have been inside so long.

The weather is very nice here now, guess we are thru with the cold weather for a while anyway.

Frenchie said to tell you he's not much of a letter writer, but he always asks about you and if Harry Peters would come to see you, he's coming too.

I will come to see you just as soon as you are working, so we can have a nice visit. Cant we send you something for your birthday, will they allow you to have candy sent, I dont have any birthdays anymore.

Happy birthday and much love from both of us.

Blanche Brabant  
275 Geneva Ave  
Elmhurst Ill.



Letter written by Elmer Farmer to Helen Conliff.

#47103

Leavenworth, Kansas, March 1, 1936.

Dear Helen:

Received your letters this week two of them, but did not hear from Jack or Ireen as yet. So you are not working steady as I thought you was. I think you will get steady work soon now as the weather is nice up in Chicago and people will get out to by more now so that should put you to work steady. The weather is very nice down here just like summer I worked thursday after noon in the yard and was glad to get out in the air for a change. I wish they would take us out to work every day. I would get the money on J. P. insurance as it is made out to me, but I would much rather see him live and not drink because that will sure be the death of him if he dont take care of him self. I remember Mildred that went with John Mayer she was out in Bensenville with him all one summer. so there father is dead and the two girls are living home also John, its nice they all stay home and keep the family together. so you seen McNeil and Frenchy when you were out to Bensenville but they were leaving for Chicago, I suppose to have a good time. I suppose Frenchy still has the same girl and McNeil takes his niece to the show. Has Bart still got the Post Office out there? give him my regards also the rest of the boys the next time you see them. Things must be picking up on the road if George Carlin is back working. How is the Black Cat is he doing anything now. if you see Lille tell her to say hello to Micke for me. My birthday will be next week but I cant count them any more until I am in the free world. so May is making money playing the slot machines now if she is its the first person I ever heard of that did. the onley way to win om them is with the key. I dont know if Harold has his teeth in yet I seen him in the dining room one day this week and it didnt look like he had them in yet. but he sure is looking good. I never get to talk to him or any of the others I know in here. they told me in here I should have all my teeth taken out but I think I will keep the ones I got just as long as I can they dont hurt me any the way they are so as long as I can get along with them I am going to keep them. Scotty is all right now and in good standing. Albert didnt get his job yet. This is all for this week.

Elmer Farmer



Letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103, to Blanche Brabant

Leavenworth, Kansas, March 22, 1936

Dear Blanche

I received your letter Friday and was glad to hear from you. I am feeling alright now it was a cold that I had and the doctor gave me some kind of powders to take I thought it was my lungs but he said he didnt think so any way I am feeling much better now so hope it was just a cold. I have not been out to work in some time now the weather is very nice down here. I see in the paper you are having nice weather up there also. so Gifford get home 7:30 by eastern time I dont think that kind of time helps any one except those in offices that like to play golf thay can get out to some golf course and play every day now. we are still on the old time in here. Peters should here from his neice soon now and I hope some thing can be done so I can go to work here. you will also get some kind of answer from Bates. I sent you his address in Washington last week. he knows just what is to be done with me if I am to be transfered or placed to work in here so he will tell you all about it. Best regards to you and Gifford.

Elmer Farmer.

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer #47103  
Postmarked: Chicago, Ill., March 23, 1936.

Sunday afternoon.

Dearest Elmer:

I am so sorry I did not get a chance to write to you all week but May is still sick and she keeps you hopping all day waiting on her, having you do something for her just every minute of the day. She is up today and also yesterday and is getting better but is still a pain in the neck to me.

Those people are all wrong about me signing any statements or writing any letters I did not and if I did, McMeekin never would have been able to get them to let me go home. I talked to Sam before I went up there in December in fact, and he told me no to sign anything so I did not, so you can just tell them that for me. Do you really and truly think there is a chance of that not holding in the higher courts? I certainly wish you would get out of it, but wouldn't it take a lot of money for you to appeal your case? Gifford will be getting his bonus in June and if there would be a chance for you why don't you tell him to use his money to help you? It certainly would not hurt him. I read about a man up in Canada, who had been convicted and sentenced to fifteen years on a kidnapping charge and served 18 months of his sentence and appealed the case and was freed. It was in this mornings paper, so if you could do that it would be great. Virginia told me Jack wrote to you and so I suppose he did not sign his name right or something if you did not receive his letter and Irene forgot whether she did or not. I certainly wish I could come down to see you, one of us should have been there by this time, you have been there almost a year and none of us have come down there but I just cannot and honey as soon as I can get money enough I will. You did not mention receiving the card from me for your birthday, did you receive it? I believe I will be going to work soon I have a promise of a job, of course, my aunt does not want me to leave her, but Elmer, I have worked so hard here for her and she never pays me at all, so after all why should I stay here? I hate it here and just as soon as I get a job will move.

Albert has nothing to do but sit around day after day and he is so goofy. But anyway honey, why should I have you singing to you so I will change the subject. Did those people hear whether Montie went away or if he got out or what happened to him? Ann wrote to me yesterday and is fine also Charlotte the girl in the U. S. Deputy Marshal's office up there wrote to me too. She is going to be in Chicago next month on her way back home from Virginia and wants me to meet her, which I intend to do. She takes women prisoners down there. Perhaps you remember her, a red haired girl with glasses? It was so nice here all last week, I imagine it was nice down there too, so hope you got out and worked for a little while. Martha and I went to the Marbro yesterday afternoon for a little while, I was so glad to get out for a little while away from my aunt. I am really tired being a nurse. I do not have much news from Bensenville at all. Do you hear how Jim is

through Blanche? How is her and Gifford getting along? Is he working? Well ol' dear, I know this is not a newsy letter and honey, I would like to write more and I am sorry I cannot, but I have not been out, sitting in here all day so now that she is getting better, I am sure I will be able to get out and will be able to write more. Its not so nice telling you things I would much rather see you and talk to you, perhaps I will get to do so this summer, anyway heres hoping. I hope you are well and getting along O. K. and I am so glad you get to talk to someone now. Please do not be angry about me not writing oftener but just have not had a chance, but will have and will write oftener. Write to me real soon and will close with lots of love.

Helen Conliff  
4143 West End Ave  
Chicago Ill,

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103, to Helen Conliff

Leavenworth, Kansas, March 25, 1936.

Dear Helen

I just received your letter tonight and was glad to hear from you. I did not receive a birthday card from you or any letter from Jack Frost. that to bad about May being sick but now that she is up I hope she gets better soon. it will also make it better for you and you can get some kind of steady work for the summer. I dont have to take my case up if the law dont hold up in the higher courts on the others in the case then I can get out also. they are appeling the hole case so that helps every one in it. Gofford is working every day I dont know just what he is doing. Jim goes over to see Blanche every week so I hear from him through Blanche. they are moving the Galewood Round House out to Bensenville and are putting lots of new men to work out there now business is picking up greate now Jim said. these people in here said they were told that you sent a letter to the goverment and that why you were up there. I never said any more to them about it. I could have a visit any time I want one but was waiting untill I got some kind of work in here Blanche and Gifford want to come down and see me every month, but I told them as soon as I get work thay can come down. Peters is doing what he can for me through his neice down here and it look like I will here some thing soon in regards to work or be transfered out of here. I hope if I am to be transfered I am not sent to Alcatraz. I was not out side for over too week now but the wether has been real nice, away to nice for any one to be locked up inside all the time. I read about that case in Canada I wish that would happen in this case. these people dont know anything about monte but thay think he is still up there any way there has been nothing in the papers about him. thay get the papers from up there every day thay also let me read them to. I give them my Chicago paper. the girl that works in the Marshalls office should know all about Monte see if you can find out whay thay are going to do with him and let me know. how is scotty making it this days?

Elmer Farmer

April 7th, 1936.

OV  
J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Kindly furnish this office with three photos  
of Alvin Karpis, wanted for kidnapping. Provided you  
have no photos other than appearing on the wanted  
circular kindly advise where police photos of this man  
may be obtained.

Thanking you for same, I am,

Very truly yours,

*E. C. Fuller*  
E. C. Fuller,  
Identification Officer.

P.S. Several copies of fingerprints of this man would  
be appreciated inasmuch as I have several requests  
for same.

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Mr. A. L. Glatke,  
Superintendent,  
Ohio State Reformatory,  
Mansfield, Ohio.

Attention: Mr. E. C. Fuller

My dear Superintendent:

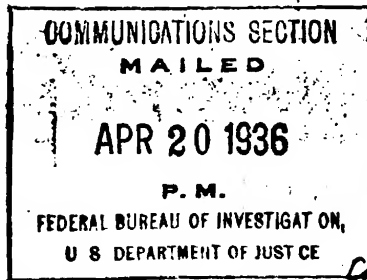
I am in receipt of your letter dated April 7, 1936, which was addressed to me by Mr. E. C. Fuller, Identification Officer, who is attached to the Ohio State Reformatory.

In compliance with the request contained in this communication there are enclosed herewith three copies of the photograph of Alvin Karpis. There are also enclosed herewith three copies of Identification Order #1218 which was prepared by this Bureau on March 22, 1934, containing the fingerprints and additional data concerning this individual, which may be of some assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #1124351



612 Marine Trust Bldg.  
Buffalo, New York

April 8, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Jacksonville, Florida

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 6, 1936 to the Bureau, carbon copy of which was furnished to this office, advising that there is a possibility that the trial of Myrtle Eaton at Jacksonville will take place this month and that the presence of certain agents will be necessary for the trial.

Please be advised that Special Agent M. J. Cassidy is presently assigned to this office and should you determine that his presence is necessary at Jacksonville kindly advise me the exact date he will be needed there.

Very truly yours,

H. E. SACKETT  
Special Agent in Charge

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328 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, La.  
April 7, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

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Dear Sir:

Re: Bookid.

Reference is made to Little Rock Bureau office letter of April 1, 1936, advised by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, in connection with the registration of 1935 model 4-door Buick Sedan, motor #65050113, serial #283872, known to bear 1935 Arkansas license B-522 and registered under the name of W. O. Hall.

Kindly be informed that Special Agent J. V. Smith checked the Mississippi State registrations for 1936, at Jackson, Mississippi, and was advised that there is no record of this car in the license books. The State of Mississippi does not compile and index by name. Mississippi license plates are issued by respective county sheriffs, and the State Motor Vehicle Registration records are not believed complete at the present writing.

The writer telephonically conferred with Mr. Connelley, Superintendent of the State Automobile Registration Bureau for the State of Louisiana, at Baton Rouge, and he caused a search to be made under the name of W. O. Hall, as well as under the motor number of the Buick car, and advised that there was no registration for the year 1936.

For the information of your office, neither Louisiana nor Mississippi check the registration application motor numbers against the actual motor number on the car and it is, therefore, possible to register a car under a fraudulent number in either state and secure license plates. In Louisiana, all registrations are forwarded to the State Bureau.

I am making a discreet, confidential check at the Buick Automobile Agencies at Shreveport and Monroe, Louisiana, to ascertain whether the instant car has been serviced in that vicinity. I have already caused such a check to be made in New Orleans with the Buick Agency, with negative result. The Agents are searching for a car with the Arkansas registration, in New Orleans, and hotels and their garages have been observed with negative results at the present writing.

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E-St. Paul  
S-Chicago  
1-Cincinnati

Very truly yours,

D. T. Hogue,  
Special Agent in Charge

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
April 7, 1936

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: BREKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated April 3, 1936 (Bureau File 7-576). It is noted in the first paragraph of this Bureau letter that Mr. Walter L. Barlow, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, has requested that the name and address of the person who has custody of and may be able to produce in court a certified copy of the bench warrant together with non est return thereon, which bench warrant was for the arrest of Alvin Karpis and was predicated upon an indictment returned at St. Paul on May 4, 1934.

As it is obvious that a certified copy of a bench warrant would have no evidentiary value for the purpose of proving that Karpis was a fugitive from the District of Minnesota at the time he was alleged to have been harbored in Florida, it is presumed that Mr. Barlow refers to an authenticated copy of the bench warrant.

A bench warrant was issued on May 4, 1934 for the arrest of Alvin Karpis, predicated on an indictment returned against Karpis as of that date in the U. S. District Court for the District of Minnesota. This warrant was received by the U. S. Marshal on May 7, 1934, who made his non est return thereon on January 26, 1935, and the original warrant was thereupon filed with the Clerk of the District Court for the District of Minnesota and is now in possession of said clerk.

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In the event it is desired to subpoena a witness qualified to testify that this warrant was in existence from May 4, 1934 to date, the Clerk of the U. S. District Court, or such deputy as may be designated, would be the proper person to subpoena. The usual practice, however, is to introduce in evidence an authenticated copy of the original bench warrant. (See O'Hara vs. Mobile and Ohio Railway, 76 Federal 718, which in turn refers to Sec.

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905 Revised Statutes). If this practice would be followed it would obviate the necessity of subpoenaing a witness from Minnesota to Florida to introduce evidence of this nature. Accordingly, I am enclosing herewith an authenticated copy of the bench warrant issued for the arrest of Alvin Karpis on May 4, 1934, together with an authenticated copy of the indictment upon which this warrant was based.

I am informed by the United States Attorney at St. Paul that the bell boy records of the El Comodoro Hotel which were subpoenaed for the recent trial in the Bremer case, were not introduced in evidence but were returned to an official of the El Comodoro Hotel.

Referring to the withdrawal of certain exhibits in custody of the Clerk of the District Court for the District of Minnesota, stipulations were obtained from counsel for the various appellants providing for the withdrawal of these exhibits and the substitution of photostatic copies thereof, in accordance with which an order was entered to this effect on April 7, 1936, and the exhibits in question have on this date been forwarded to the Chicago Office by registered mail, with the request that photostatic copies be prepared and the original exhibits be forwarded to the Bureau and the photostatic copies sent to this office to be filed with the Clerk of the Court here.

Very truly yours,

*C. W. Stein*

C. W. STEIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Cincinnati  
Chicago  
Jacksonville

1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
APRIL 6, 1936

F. C. Zerbst, Warden  
United States Penitentiary  
Leavenworth, Kansas

Attn: E. H. Eckholdt, Secretary.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of the following letters you have forwarded this office concerning the mail of Elmer Farmer, register number 47103:

Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer dated 3-18-36.  
Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer, undated, received at this office 3-20-36.  
Letter to Helen Conliff from Elmer Farmer dated 3-16-36.  
Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer dated 3-11-36.  
Letter from Elmer Farmer to Blanche Brabant dated 3-15-36.  
Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer dated 3-9-36.  
Letter from Elmer Farmer to Blanche Brabant dated 3-7-36.  
Letter from Elmer Farmer to Helen Conliff dated 3-7-36.  
Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer dated Thursday, March 5th.  
Letter from Elmer Farmer to Blanche Brabant dated 3-3-36.  
Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer dated 3-3-36.  
Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer dated 3-1-36.  
Letter from Elmer Farmer to Helen Conliff dated 3-1-36.  
Letter from Elmer Farmer to Blanche Brabant dated 3-22-36.  
Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer dated 3-23-36.  
Letter from Elmer Farmer to Helen Conliff dated 3-25-36.

Very truly yours,

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W. A. SMITH

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice  
1300 Liberty Trust Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

April 8, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

At 10.30 A.M., today, Special Agent  
L.C. Taylor advised me he was conducting investigation at the  
U.S. Northeastern Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa., for the pur-  
pose of interviewing one Archie Nagleman.

Agent Taylor advised that he expects to  
return to the Pittsburgh District this P.M.

Very truly yours,

AS:AG.  
cc:Pittsburgh

*R. E. Vetterli*  
R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Washington Field Office, Room 5252,  
Washington, D. C.

April 8, 1936.

Mr. Robert Reining,  
Bureau of Air Commerce,  
Department of Commerce,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Returned herewith please find the photograph  
of John Allen Zetzer which you kindly loaned to this  
office through Special Agent W. R. Walsh.

Your courtesy in this matter is sincerely  
appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. M. KEITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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501 Healey Building  
Atlanta, Georgia  
April 7, 1936

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 31, 1936, regarding information furnished by Edward Wilhelm Bentz concerning a possible hideout of Alvin Karpis in the vicinity of Fair Oaks, Indiana, and the so-called "burying ground" located near Lake Village, Indiana.

Edward Wilhelm Bentz was interviewed in the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, by Special Agent W. M. Bott and myself. A map was prepared with the active assistance of Bentz. The rough sketch was improved after he returned to the Atlanta Bureau Office. The improved sketch is being transmitted to your office and the rough notes are being retained in the Atlanta Office.

The directions given by Bentz are as follows: A person proceeding to the burying ground and the hideout does not take the road leading directly east from Lake Village. It is necessary to proceed one mile north from Lake Village on Highway 41. You then go east on Highway 10. It will be noted on the Standard Oil road map furnished this office that Highway 10 runs directly east from Lake Village. However, on the county map furnished this office, it will be noted that it is necessary to proceed one mile north to Highway 10. Bentz stated that he proceeded east on Highway 10 a distance of from about four to six miles. He could not be definite as to the exact mileage. From what he said, however, I am generally of the impression that it will be necessary for you to proceed a distance of about four miles. Bentz explained that the road on which you turn south is a sandy unimproved road. He stated that this road was of loose sand, the same as would be seen on any beach. He stated that the road was a farm road which probably would not be placed on any map. He stated this road was unimproved and had never been graded. He stated it was a road which was seldom used. The mark used by Bentz to orient himself at the time he turned on this road was a farm house which can be seen through the trees beyond and to the east of the sandy road and south of Highway 10. Bentz stated that he proceeded down this road for a distance of about two or three miles before he turned east. He could not be accurate as to the exact distance traveled. He stated that along both sides of this road was a comparatively dense growth of scrub oak. He stated that it was on both sides of

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this road that the various gangs buried their machine guns, other equipment and also their loot. He stated that it was used by his gang, by the Alvin Karpis gang and by the Harvey Bailey gang. He advised that it was about half-way down this road and to the west that he had met Alvin Karpis.

With regard to the next turn east off the sandy road, Bentz could not be certain whether another road was crossed while going south before reaching the sandy road on which a turn to the east was made. It was not possible for him to give some definite object to be used for purposes of orientation. He stated, however, that this road was a sandy road, equally as sandy as the road running north and south. He stated that scrub oak was alongside this road also, about half-way between the first sandy road and Highway 55. Bentz stated that in proceeding east on this second sandy road it was necessary to drive a distance of from two to three miles. He was certain that this second sandy road crossed Highway 55. Bentz stated that the next turn was south. It was his impression that it was the first road east of Highway 55. He was very definite about this being a graveled road. After leaving the second sandy road, which crossed Highway 55, Bentz turned south on the graveled road and proceeded about one mile. Bentz stated that in traveling south on the graveled road, it was possible to see only one farm house, designated as A on the sketch being transmitted herewith. A barn, marked B on the sketch, is also visible from the road. Bentz stated that it was impossible when proceeding south to see the farm house designated as C on the sketch, which was used as the hideout of Karpis. He stated, however, that by driving farther south, which I assume to be a mile or two distant, the top of the Karpis hideout could be seen from the graveled road. Incidentally, this graveled road intersects with Highway 14 south of the farm houses mentioned. Bentz was not able to give the exact distance.

Bentz, during the interview with him, apparently attempted to be as definite as possible and seemed to be very cooperative. He called attention to the fact that it was in 1933 that he met Karpis at the so-called "burying ground" and that was the last time that he, Bentz, was in that vicinity. He stated that the roads may have become improved in the meanwhile and that at the present time they may present a different physical appearance from what they were at the time he was in that vicinity.

There are also being returned herewith a map of Jasper County,

Indiana, a map of Newton County, Indiana, and a Standard Oil road  
map of Indiana.

In the event this office can be of any further assistance  
to you in this matter, kindly advise.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Bureau ✓  
Cincinnati  
Cleveland  
St. Paul  
E. J. Connelley, Chicago

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
508 Medical Arts Bldg.,  
Nashville, Tennessee,  
April 7, 1936.

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: EREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau teletype dated April 1, 1936, which was confirmed with Bureau letter dated April 2, 1936, advising that a letter had been received at the Bureau from Deputy Sheriff James Wright of Hopson, Tennessee, dated March 30, 1936, stating that Alvin Turner, who had been arrested by him was believed to be identical with subject Alvin Karpis.

This will confirm my telegram of April 2, 1936, advising that Albert Roy Turner, the individual referred to by Deputy Sheriff James Wright, is not identical with subject Karpis.

Special Agent T. E. Rowe was unable to contact Deputy Sheriff Wright at Hopson, Tennessee, on the night of April 1, 1936, after receiving the Bureau teletype, due to the condition of the roads. However, the following day Deputy Sheriff Wright was interviewed and advised that the individual he had in mind as being identical with subject Karpis was Albert Roy Turner, who was originally arrested by the Sheriff at Mountain City, Tennessee, and who is now incarcerated in the Sullivan County Jail at Blountville, Tennessee, in default of \$2,500.00 bond on a charge of grand larceny.

It should be noted that Agent Rowe had previously been advised of the arrest of Albert Roy Turner, and interviewed him in connection with Bureau violations, at which time subject Turner admitted the theft and interstate transportation of two automobiles and two trucks. Separate files on these violations have been opened in the Nashville Office.

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Agent Rowe having already obtained the fingerprints of Albert Roy Turner, they were compared with those of subject Karpis when Deputy Sheriff Wright advised that Turner was the man he had in mind. It was found that the fingerprints were not identical.

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Very truly yours,

T. N. STAPLETON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
E.J. Connelley, Chicago

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Mr Edgar Hoover

Dear Sirs,

Would you kindly send me  
a picture of Alvin Karpis,  
and all you can tell me off  
him, I saw his picture quite  
often in the true detective

but I want to be sure

If it is not Karpis is  
is is twin brother

So would like to hear

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from you. 7-576-10443

I would like this kept

quit till I know for sure.  
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because he is a neighbor of  
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So I will take it easy  
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might give me the laugh.  
So will wait to hear from  
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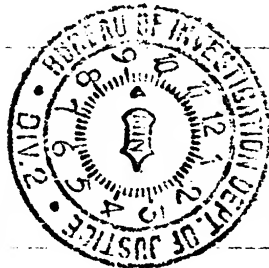
your Very Resp.

Mr Clifford Powell  
Polo, Ill

Box 214

(Polo, Ill)

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April 17, 1936.

Mr. Clifford G. Powell,  
Box 214,  
805 Green Street,  
Polo, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

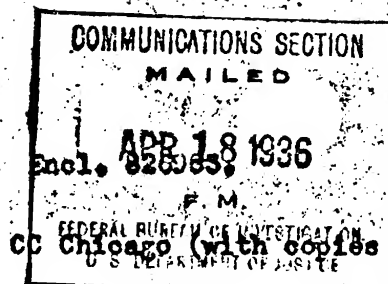
I have your letters of April 7 and 8, 1936, requesting a photograph of Alvin Karpis. For your information, there is transmitted herewith a copy of the best available photograph of this individual.

I note you have under observation a person who you believe is identical with Karpis. In accordance with your request, I am instructing Mr. D. M. Ladd, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers' Building, Chicago, Illinois, to have an Agent call upon you in the near future with reference to this matter.

In connection with your desire to secure a position as Special Agent in this Bureau, there is enclosed herewith a statement concerning this position. This Bureau does not employ persons for temporary periods. There are no vacancies in this service at the present time and, due to the condition of the appropriation, no further appointments will be made for some time to come.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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*John Edgar Hoover*

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

769 Starks Building,  
Louisville, Kentucky.

April 4, 1936.

TO ALL COUNTY CLERKS IN KENTUCKY:

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this Office it is desired to ascertain information relative to a maroon-colored, 1936 Model, 4-door Buick Sedan, Motor #68-52108, Serial #2895972. This car was last registered in Arkansas under registration number 112530, and was issued 1936 Arkansas license 5-732.

It is requested that an appropriate stop notice be placed in your Automobile Registration Bureau and should any information come to your attention concerning registration or attempts at registration of this automobile, or any record of transfer or attempts to transfer the same, please wire or telephone this Office immediately collect. Telephone: Jackson 5139.

I will appreciate very much a close supervision in this matter on your part. Assuring you of my desire to cooperate with you in all matters of mutual interest, I remain

Very truly yours,

*O. C. Dwyer*  
O. C. DWYER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

BRKID

Reference is made to your letter dated April 4, 1936 relating to a stipulation for the withdrawal of certain exhibits from the office of the Clerk of the U. S. District Court for the District of Minnesota. The stipulation referred to, as well as stipulation of counsel for other defendants, has been received, pursuant to which an order of the court was entered on this date for the withdrawal of exhibits and providing that photostat copies thereof be substituted.

I am enclosing herewith the following documents: Government's exhibits 91, 92, 94 D, 95, 96, 96 A, 96 B, 96 C, 97, 97 B, 98, 99, 100, 102, and 102 A, being registration cards of the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida; 103, being the original of a Western Union telegram signed "Cash"; 116, being the original of the delivered copy of the telegram which is Government's exhibit 103; 109, being an envelope addressed to Mrs. C. E. Ryan, containing the business card of Joe H. Adams, on the reverse side of which is written a note to Mrs. Ryan by Mr. Adams; 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, and 115, being statements of the El Comodoro Hotel.

It is requested that photostat copies of these exhibits be prepared and the originals be forwarded to the Bureau, the photostat copies thereof to be forwarded to the St. Paul Office so that they may be filed with the Clerk of the District Court.

Very truly yours,

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April 8, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE  
I. O. #1218, ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of April 2, 1936, addressed to the St. Paul office, copy of which was directed to the New York office, together with copy of letter dated March 24, 1936, addressed to Honorable Walter L. Barlow, Assistant Attorney General, Washington, D. C., by Bart A. Riley, Attorney-at-law, Miami, Florida.

In compliance with instructions contained in the Bureau's letter, I am transmitting herewith the original and two copies of memorandum dated April 7, 1936, prepared by Special Agent J. W. Going with reference to his activities while in Miami, Florida, during the period from January 16, 1935 to February 4, 1935.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE R. WHITLEY:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUG.,  
I.O.#1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM;  
KIDNAPING.

Memoranda covering Agent's investigative activities while in Miami, Florida, during the period from January 16, 1935 to February 4, 1935, were submitted to Special Agent in Charge J. H. HANSON and are now probably a part of the Jacksonville Office file.

The following account of the writer's activities is solely from memory, refreshed by reading the report made by SAC. HANSON at Jacksonville, Florida, on February 20, 1935, together with information supplied by the writer's memorandum expense book.

SAC. J. H. HANSON, Special Agents L. B. NICHOLS, L. J. METCALF, P. C. DUNNE, F. M. STONE and the writer left Birmingham by chartered plane at 12:10 P.M., Central Standard Time, on January 16, 1935. After a short stopover at Jacksonville, Florida, the plane proceeded to Miami, Florida, landing at 10:17 P.M., Eastern Standard Time. All Agents mentioned above were quartered at the Halcyon Hotel on the evening of January 16, 1935. A full array of firearm equipment brought by the Birmingham Agents was also kept at the Halcyon Hotel that night.

Special Agents R. D. BROWN, R. L. JONES, C. G. CAMPBELL and S. K. McKEE had already arrived at Miami. Agents BROWN and JONES were quartered at the Alcazar Hotel, and it is believed that Agents CAMPBELL and McKEE were registered at the El Comodoro Hotel.

On the following day it was decided to establish headquarters at the Alcazar Hotel, and all firearm equipment, including machine guns, of both groups of Agents, was stored in a closet of Room 611 of the Alcazar Hotel.

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On the same date, January 17, 1935, Special Agent F. M. STONE and the writer were assigned to watch the lobby of the El Commodore Hotel for the possible return of any members of the BARKER gang. Instructions were to remain under cover and not to contact the management, inasmuch as Special Agent R. D. BROWN was working through L. E. GREY, Clerk at the El Commodore Hotel.

Accordingly, Agent STONE and the writer registered at the El Commodore Hotel where we remained about four days. The exact room number and dates are not recalled, although it is believed that it was Room 1007, and that the period was January 17, 1935 to January 21, 1935. Memoranda on file at the Jacksonville Office may reflect this information exactly. The writer had until September 1935 a receipted bill from the El Commodore Hotel, which receipt may even now be among his personal effects at Greenville, South Carolina.

Agent STONE and the writer covered the lobby of the El Commodore Hotel during the period mentioned, one or both Agents being in or around the hotel almost constantly.

On what is believed to be January 19, 1935, Agents while standing on a small porch leading to a side entrance, were approached by ROBERT KNIGHT, owner of the El Commodore Hotel. After standing there a few minutes he stated in effect that he did not know whether or not we were whom he thought we were. Inquiry was then made of Mr. KNIGHT as to whom he thought we were, and he replied he thought we were Federal men. KNIGHT was then asked why he thought this, and stated that he had noticed we had been around the hotel since the shooting at Ocala. The newspaper accounts of the fight at Ocala were then discussed with KNIGHT, who advised that he had unknowingly had the BARKERS registered in his hotel, and that if we were Federal men, he would be glad to give any assistance he could as he did not desire to have his place "shot up". KNIGHT did not intimate that he had any specific information which would be useful, but merely made a general offer to cooperate in order to prevent any damage to his hotel. Agents did not admit their identity to KNIGHT, but told SAC. HANSON of the conversation.

On January 22, 1935, Agent STONE and the writer

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moved to the Halcyon Hotel, and from there on January 27, 1935, to the Cortez Hotel. Neither Agent was ever quartered at the Alcazar Hotel.

It is believed that HENRY "DUKE" RANDALL was taken into custody by SAC. HANSON and Agent JONES on January 21, 1935, and immediately taken to Room 611 of the Alcazar Hotel. When taken into custody, it was definitely known that RANDALL was an associate of ALVIN KARPIS and the BARKER mob.

It might also be mentioned that RANDALL was using the name of HENRY STERN as an alias. It was understood that a HENRY STERN was wanted by the New York Police on a murder charge.

In view of the foregoing, no more than sufficient precaution was taken to guard RANDALL, as it was not known at the time how dangerous he might be.

When first interviewed by SAC. HANSON and Agent JONES in Room 611 of the Alcazar Hotel, it is the writer's recollection that RANDALL did have one hand handcuffed to the end of the bed. RANDALL, however, was sitting in a chair and this precaution was probably taken to prevent any possibility of his suddenly leaping from a window in a suicidal attempt. While present at the interview for only a short time, Agent did not see RANDALL abused or mistreated in any way.

It is this Agent's recollection that he was assigned to guard RANDALL for a period of about two or three hours on the day of RANDALL'S apprehension. RANDALL was at that time still handcuffed to the edge of the bed. I have no recollection of machine guns being displayed at this time. If any such guns were in evidence, they were for the purpose of protecting the Bureau's firearm equipment against a possible raid, and not for the purpose of intimidating RANDALL. Agent never at any time, saw any guard of RANDALL with a machine gun "across his lap".

Agent probably guarded and helped guard RANDALL on several subsequent occasions during his detention, the exact details of which are not remembered. After the first day when it was determined that RANDALL was harmless, it was not, I believe,

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the policy to have him handcuffed, although this precaution may have been taken when RANDALL was left alone with a single Agent.

Agent was also present during a part of the time that RANDALL was giving his signed statement to SAC. HANSON. RANDALL'S statements at that time were entirely voluntary, he stating that he wanted to tell all he knew in order to clear himself of any complicity in this matter.

It is believed that RANDALL was placed in the Dade County Jail on January 25, 1935 as the result of a complaint filed by the U. S. Attorney's Office at Miami, Florida.

With reference to RANDALL'S detention in Room 611 of the Alcazar Hotel, the writer frequently heard RANDALL express his preference to remain where he was, rather than being placed in jail. RANDALL also frequently stated that he hoped this matter could be kept out of the papers so that his family would not learn that he was in trouble.

After RANDALL was incarcerated in the Dade County Jail, he was interviewed on two occasions by Special Agent STONE and the writer, at which times voluntary signed statements were obtained. These statements appear on Pages 63 and 64 of the report of SAC. HANSON made at Jacksonville, Florida, on February 20, 1935. When last interviewed on February 1, 1935, RANDALL expressed appreciation of the treatment accorded him by Bureau Agents, and stated that he hoped he would meet Agent STONE and the writer again under more favorable circumstances.

Agent was not present when J. H. ADAMS was interviewed and his signed statement obtained by SAC. HANSON. It is believed that ADAMS was interviewed at least on one occasion at the Cortez Hotel, but it is not believed that ADAMS was detained. As Agent remembers, ADAMS was treated very gingerly inasmuch as his wife was pregnant at that time. Only on one occasion for a few moments did the writer enter the room where ADAMS was being interviewed, and at that time ADAMS was answering questions freely with no hint of compulsion.

Agent does remember a remark made by either SAC.

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HANSON or Agent JONES, that ADAMS had expressed surprise at the courteous treatment accorded him by Bureau Agents; that he, ADAMS, had heard that "electric needles" were often used by Agents in compelling persons to talk.

The writer, together with Special Agents STONE and DUNNE, left Miami by train at 9:30 P.M. on February 4, 1935.

*J. W. Going*  
J. W. GOING  
Special Agent

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REPORT MADE AT <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4/7/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/27, 28/36, 4/3/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. B. MATNEY</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.1218; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.1235; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.1232 - ET AL;</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;">Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Murray and Mr. and Mrs. William R. Day lived in Detroit, Michigan during 1933 and 1934. Day and Murray reported convicted United States postal violation, Jamestown, New York. C. L. Booth, Postal Inspector, Rochester, New York, handled case. 1935 Michigan temporary license plates G62835 issued to Elmer Remmer, Cal-Neva Lodge, Washoe County, Nevada, post office address, Brockway, California.</div>			
REFERENCE:  Report of Special Agent T. E. Billings dated 3-12-36 at Los Angeles, California.			
DETAILS:  Investigation in Detroit, Michigan, revealed that 3160 Second Boulevard, the return address of Mrs. Fred Murray is the Seville Apartments, located at that address. The following investigation was made at the Palmetto Apartments-Hotel in Detroit, Michigan, in regard to Mrs. William Day. Mr. Friedman, manager of the Palmetto Hotel advised that William R. Day and his wife, Connie lived in his apartment-hotel from August 31, 1933 to September 26, 1933 and that Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Murray lived in his apartment hotel from September 14, 1933 to January 14, 1934. Mr. Friedman advised that these two families were intimate friends and he gathered the impression that these men were			
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not strictly legitimate. Mr. Friedman did not enlarge on this statement. Mr. Friedman advised that during the time F. J. Murray and his wife lived at the Palmetto Hotel, a baby girl was born. Mr. Friedman advised that his suspicion was first aroused to these people when he learned that the child's birth certificate bore the name Pitt. Mr. Friedman advised that when both of these families left they owed the Palmetto Hotel money and advised Mr. Friedman to forward all of their mail to the Elks Club at Miami, Florida. Mr. Friedman stated that he would not be able to give any additional information in regard to these two families as his records had been taken by Mr. Bob McLaughlin, Post Office Inspector in Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Friedman advised that it was approximately a year ago when Mr. McLaughlin took these records and at that time Mr. McLaughlin advised that the Post Office authorities wanted both the Murrays and the Days for postal violations and advised Mr. Friedman that it might be necessary for him to testify in the Federal Courts at a later date. Mr. Friedman stated that Bob McLaughlin would undoubtedly know the present location of both F. J. Murray and William R. Day.

Mr. Bob McLaughlin, Post Office Inspector, Detroit, Michigan, was interviewed in the Federal Building and advised that he does not remember all of the details in regard to E. J. Murray and William R. Day as this transaction was handled out of New York State. Mr. McLaughlin located a letter which he received from Post Office Inspector C. L. Booth, Rochester, New York, on October 9, 1935, and this letter advised that F. J. Murray and William R. Day were tried along with a Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Moser and Mrs. Moser was sentenced to thirteen months in a United States Penitentiary. This letter advised that both F. J. Murray and William R. Day were convicted along with Moser. Mr. McLaughlin advised that at the time he conducted his investigation in Detroit, he had in his possession pictures of Murray and Day which he later forwarded to Post Office Inspector C. L. Booth.

The following investigation was made by Special Agent J. Waldman at Flint, Michigan:

It was ascertained through the auto squad, Detroit Police Department that 1935 Michigan license plates No. G62835 were issued to Elmer Remmer, 601 North Saginaw Street, Flint, Michigan.

At Flint, Michigan, an examination of the City Directory for 1936 failed to indicate that any party by this name is listed therein. The address, 601 North Saginaw Street, is the address of the Buick Motor Car Company, Factory Branch.

At 601 North Saginaw Street, Mr. Edwin S. Lunt,

Manager of the Buick Motor Car Company, Factory Branch, was contacted and confidentially advised of the nature of this investigation with regard to Elmer Remmer. Mr. Lunt stated that there was no individual by this name employed by the Buick Company and that he had no recollection of anyone by this name. Mr. Lunt telephoned the main office of the Buick Motor Car Company and ascertained that a 1935 Buick Sedan, Motor No. 43009948, Serial No. 2843320 (which is the same as the car listed under the name of Remmer) had been shipped by the factory to Mr. Lunt's factory branch on North Saginaw Street, Flint.

Through a further check of his records, Mr. Lunt finally advised that this particular automobile had originally been intended for the Howard Automobile Company of Los Angeles and San Francisco, California, but that upon request of the purchasing customer, delivery had been made directly at Flint. Mr. Lunt then stated that he now recalls this particular transaction and also recalls the purchase of the car by Remmer whom he described in terms very close to the description set out in reference report.

Mr. Lunt stated that Elmer Remmer had purchased this car on September 28, 1935, taking delivery immediately and financing the car through the G.M.A.C. and that he had given as his permanent address the Cal-Neva Lodge, Washoe County, Nevada, post office address, Brockway, California. At that time, according to Mr. Lunt, Remmer had stated that he was leaving immediately for the coast, and had purchased temporary Michigan plates. It is very probable, however, according to Mr. Lunt, that Remmer now has either Nevada or California plates on this car.

Mr. Lunt further advised that from his knowledge of the Cal-Neva Lodge it was a notorious gambling joint which was situated exactly on the Nevada-California border line and that although he had talked very briefly to Remmer, he had impressed him as being a gambler. Mr. Lunt suggested that should further information about Remmer be desired it could undoubtedly be obtained through discreet investigation at the Cal-Neva Lodge.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE at Brockway, California, will conduct appropriate investigation at the Cal-Neva Lodge with a view to determining the reputation of Elmer Remmer and also to determine whether he is a likely contact for parties of interest in connection with this investigation.

The BUFFALO OFFICE at Rochester, New York, will contact Post Office Inspector C. L. Booth, Rochester, New York and ascertain the exact disposition of Murray and Day and conduct other appropriate investigation which might result in locating Subjects in instant case.

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Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Enclosed herewith is a mail tracing of a letter addressed to "Mr. & Mrs. Billy Deas, Wichita, Kansas" bearing return address "Hominy, Okla. Box 532".

This is being forwarded to you inasmuch as there is a possibility that the writer of this letter may be Milton Lett or some associate of his, and it is suggested that appropriate investigation with reference to this tracing be conducted by you.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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PHONE BREKID. MRS. ROBERTSON PHONED GENE AT ASHTABULA, OHIO IMMEDIATELY AFTER RECEIVING NOTE FROM FITZGERALD ADVISING THAT HE HAD GONE AWAY FOR A FEW DAYS. IN CONVERSATION BOTH INDICATED THEY KNEW FITZGERALD WAS SHADY AND GENE STATED HE PROBABLY HAD MET SOME FRIENDS IN LOS ANGELES WHOM HE DID NOT WANT MRS. ROBERTSON TO MEET AND HAD GONE AWAY WITH THEM. GENE STATED SHE KNEW HIS FRIENDS BACK THERE AND COULD FIND OUT IF ANYTHING HAD HAPPENED TO FITZGERALD. MRS. ROBERTSON WAS INSTRUCTED BY GENE TO CHECK FITZGERALD'S APARTMENT TOMORROW MORNING AND SEE IF HIS CLOTHES HAD BEEN DISTURBED INDICATING BY SUCH REMARKS THAT SHE SUSPECTED HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN ARRESTED. WE WILL ENTER HIS APARTMENT AND MAKE IT APPEAR LIKE HE MADE NORMAL DEPARTURE. FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, NOTE SENT TO MRS. ROBERTSON WAS WRITTEN BY FITZGERALD INASMUCH AS HE HAD AN APPOINTMENT TO MEET HER AT SIX THIRTY PM AND IT WAS FEARED THAT SHE MIGHT REPORT HIS DISAPPEARANCE TO AUTHORITIES. FITZGERALD CLAIMS THAT NEITHER GENE NOR MRS. ROBERTSON KNOW OF HIS BACKGROUND OR ANYTHING OF HIS CONNECTIONS IN THE EAST OR ELSEWHERE. HAVE NOT ADVISED ST PAUL OF FITZGERALD'S APPREHENSION BUT POSSIBLY IF GENE HAS KNOWLEDGE OF HIS IDENTITY INFORMATION MIGHT BE RECEIVED THERE TO THAT EFFECT.

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CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>April 4, 1936</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/10 to 30/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>V. E. CRISS JMS</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232 HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236 et al Edward George Bremer, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS Act</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Attorney for William Elmer Mead claims not to know of his present whereabouts. Drew up contract for Mead to purchase interest in Tyson Ice Cream Freezer Co. in Ohio incorporation, \$42,000 in cash paid for apartment house at 1533 Fargo Ave. Chicago. George H. Meyer, business manager, Glaziers Union, received from or cashed \$330 check in May, 1935 for Mrs. Mead. Robert J. Wing unable to furnish additional information.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p>Reports of Special Agent V. E. Criss, Chicago, Ill. March 24, 1936; W. B. Matney, Detroit, Mich. Feb. 24, 1936; B. F. Fitzsimmons, Jacksonville, Fla. March 19, 1936; T. E. Billings, Los Angeles, California March 12, 1936.</p>			
DETAILS: <p><u>AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:</u></p> <p>Mr. William S. Hefferan, 155 North Clark Street was interviewed and advised that he represented Mrs. Mary A. McCarthy, now deceased, in the sale of the property known as 1533 Fargo Avenue, Chicago, to Mrs. Marie Mead in December, 1927, and the final payment in 1928; that Mrs. Mead was represented by Herbert Decker, attorney, 111 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois; that to his, Hefferan's, surprise, Mrs. Mead made all payments in cash, bringing in one instance some \$14,000 in paper currency concealed in her clothing - thus no information on any bank account was received. Mr. Hefferan stated he has not seen Mr. or Mrs. Mead since 1928.</p>			
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Mr. Herbert Decker, attorney, advised that he represented Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mead when they purchased the property known as 1533 Fargo Avenue; that as he remembers he was always paid in cash and the payments on the property were in cash; that the last time he saw either Mr. or Mrs. Mead was in 1932 when Mead had him draw up a contract for the purchase of an interest in a concern known as the Tyson Ice Cream Freezer Co., 1020 Wilson Avenue, Chicago; that he does not know if such a concern existed or if any transaction ever took place; that he got in contact with Mead at 9 East Harrison Street or 6139 South Park Avenue, Chicago. He claimed to be unable to give any information that might be used to presently locate the Meads.

It was ascertained that 9 East Harrison Street now a Salvation Army meeting place, was a bootleg joint operated by Louis Nathan who now operates the 606 Club which is being covered. The address 6139 South Park Avenue has been covered previously.

Mr. Decker and Mr. Hefferan both promised to notify the Chicago Bureau office if they should obtain any information on either Mr. or Mrs. Mead's whereabouts.

Mr. E. J. Mareney, superintendent, Judicial Department, United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, 170 West Jackson Boulevard advised he was recently notified that Mrs. Mead cashed the \$530.80 draft which she received as the surplus, when the Liberty bonds were sold to remunerate the above company for the loss resulting from her husband's failure to appear at Jacksonville, Florida for trial, causing the forfeiture of a \$10,000 bond. A photostatic copy of the draft reflected that the draft was cashed at the Bank of Montreal, Chicago, Illinois May 11, 1935.

Mr. A. C. Nichol, manager, Bank of Montreal, from the records advised that Marie De Temple on May 11, 1935 purchased cashiers' check number A-63235 for the amount of \$530.81. This check was produced and bears the endorsements of Marie De Temple, George H. Meyers, and Grace Sweeney, and was apparently cashed at the American National Bank, Chicago.

No record of any accounts with Mead or his wife could be found with the said bank.

Mr. A. W. Scottmore, Assistant Cashier, American National Bank, advised that George H. Meyers is manager of the Glaziers Union, Room 505, 100 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, and Miss Sweeney was his secretary.



A check at the Glaziers Union revealed that Meyers is in Florida but is due back about April 1, 1936 when he will be interviewed.

Agent checked at 1533 Fargo Avenue and observed that mail has been collecting in Mrs. Mead's mail box since November. Advertising matter not already checked was from: The Burleson Sanitarium, Grand Rapids Michigan (addressed to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mead); Martin and Martin, 33 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago; Eastman Kodak Company, 133 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The Detroit office has been requested by letter to conduct investigation at the Burleson Sanitarium.

The manager of Martin and Martin Co., a shoe store, advised that Mrs. Mead has been a cash customer there since 1930. Their records merely reflected cash sales. Mr. E. R. Tyson, manager, Eastman Kodak Co., advised that the advertisement was sent out due to Miss Marie Mead bringing in at some time scenic movie films to be developed. Mr. Tyson advised he would immediately notify the Chicago Bureau office if Mrs. Mead brought in any more films to be developed.

Mr. John J. Murphy, manager, Cornelia Apartments, 3500 Lake Shore Drive advised that William R. Skidmore has been a resident there since 1928; that his wife and mother-in-law reside with him and they lead a very quiet life; that Mr. Skidmore is the owner of the Longdale Scrap Iron and Metal Company, 2840 South Kedzie Avenue. Mr. Murphy did not recognize the picture of William E. Mead as a friend of Skidmore. He advised that if he should see Mead he would immediately notify the Chicago Bureau office.

At 2840 South Kedzie Avenue it was observed that Burnstein and Skidmore appear as the names of the operators of the scrap iron yard. There were many high priced cars being driven up to the address, and influential appearing men entering the said office. This might be accounted for by the political activities of Skidmore, as well as his notoriousness as a gambler. A mail cover is being requested on his mail.

Mrs. Mary H. Buxton, manager, Chelsea Hotel, 920 N. Wilson Avenue could find no record of George E. Taylor or M. Jolly ever residing there. She claimed not to recognize the photograph of William E. Mead. She also promised to notify the Chicago Bureau office if she should see Mead.

1020 Wilson Avenue, the supposed address of the Tyson Ice Cream Freezer Co. is now the address of a restaurant. No one in the restaurant

or adjacent stores remembered the Ice Cream Freezer Company. It was ascertained that Hooker and Slosson, 140 South Dearborn Street were former rental agents for the said building.

Mr. B. E. Green, broker, Hooker and Slosson Co. advised that three men, Harry S. Martin, Arthur W. O'Leary and Mathew Herbert, claiming to be going to start a branch office agency of the Tyson Ice Cream Freezer Corporation, an Ohio corporation, signed a two year lease for the store space known as 1020 Wilson Avenue on May 10, 1932; that they only kept the store two or three months. Mr. Green did not recognize the picture of Mead as being any of the three. Arthur O'Leary, an informant of the Chicago office, will be questioned concerning Mead's present interest if any in the said Tyson Ice Cream Freezer Company.

Mrs. Nonie McNaughton was not known at the Hotel Piccadilly 5167 South Blackstone Avenue. The name of Helen Kirsh, 1148 N. Harding Avenue and Lou Kirsh, 3251 Madison Avenue were unknown under these names. Further investigation will be made concerning these correspondents of Dorothy Fisher presently in the California State penitentiary for women.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois dated January 6, 1934, which requests that Mr. R. J. Wing, 410 Keystone Building, Aurora, Illinois be interviewed for any information he might possess concerning the present whereabouts of William Elmer Mead.

By memorandum dated May 11, 1934, Special Agent V. W. Peterson submitted the information that Mr. R. J. Wing called at the Chicago Bureau office and advised that for the past seventeen years he, R. J. Wing, had been spending portions of summers at Halford Camp, which is located at Cliff Lake, Montana. Cliff Lake, Montana being located approximately twenty-seven miles west of Yellowstone National Park. According to R. J. Wing, Elmer Mead and his wife have spent summers at this place for at least the past ten years. He advised that Mead usually arrives at the Halford Camp at Cliff Lake, Montana about the latter part of June and remains there for one month; that the proprietor of the camp is one Oliver B. Lester, and Mead associates at the camp with one Morris Staggers, who operates a camp at the mouth of Madison Canyon. Wing furnished the further information that the only individual who could be absolutely trusted in this vicinity was one Clyde Carter, who resided in a log cabin on the side of the mountain where he has a prospect for a mine, the mountain in question being near Cliff Lake; that Carter received his mail through the Cliff Lake Post Office.



The report of Special Agent in Charge B. H. Dickason, Butte, Montana dated July 3, 1934, reflected an interview had with Robert J. Wing, at which time no information was obtained concerning William Elmer Mead's present whereabouts, and it appeared to Special Agent in Charge Dickason that Wing was very talkative and admitted that he had told his story to other individuals.

Robert J. Wing was again interviewed by Special Agent R. C. Suran at Aurora, Illinois, on March 13, 1936, at which time Wing stated that he had continued to visit the Halford Camp since reporting the above information to the Bureau, and that so far as he has been able to learn Mead had not visited in the vicinity of the Halford Camp since the summer of 1933. Mr. Wing stated that during the past summer he was at the Halford Camp and through inquiries made by him it was learned that Mead had not been seen in that vicinity. Wing stated that he believed that Mead had not reappeared at Halford Camp due to the indiscreet activities of the Agents of the Bureau at that place. However, a review of the Chicago office file fails to reveal that any investigation was conducted by Agents of the Bureau in the vicinity of Halford in connection with this matter, and the only investigation conducted concerning this matter was an interview had with Mr. Wing by Special Agent in Charge Dickason at the Bonnevill Hotel, Idaho Falls, Idaho, at which place Mr. Wing had registered under the name of John B. Ward. It is believed, however, that if Wing had obtained any information concerning the present whereabouts of Mead he would have communicated it to Special Agent in Charge Dickason, with whom he stated he was very favorably impressed.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

CHICAGO OFFICE: At Chicago, Illinois will interview George H. Meyers, 100 North LaSalle Street when he returns to this city.

This office will continue the investigation concerning the possibility that William Skidmore is contacting Mead or his wife.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4/7/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/16 to 31/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. C. SURAN</b> <b>RCS/ehc</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>John Ball presently residing 8126 Ellis Street, Chicago, Illinois, and operating "racing book" at 8148 Dobson Avenue, Chicago, his partner in this enterprise being Eddie Donovan. Former landlord of John Ball promised cooperation in checking activities of Ball and Donovan in vicinity of 82nd and Dobson Avenue and 82nd and Ellis Avenue. J. J. Curley denies recent contacts with Ball and Donovan. James Burke, former alleged contact of fugitives, reported to be dead. Lillian Holden reported to be in New York City. No information of apparent value obtained from continued surveillance of John Karpavicz and family. Leo Bullinger, former owner of building at 2007 Cicero Avenue, Cicero, Illinois, unable to identify photographs of fugitives as frequenting above address at time Willie Harrison operated saloon there. Lester Miller, transient restaurant employee who alleges he saw Karpis in San Antonio, Texas, employed by F. G. Stoner in Chicago, Illinois, summer 1935. Stoner states Miller reliable. No information concerning Miller obtained at Homewood, Illinois. Informant states Rigo Bertolini and Edward Otis planning to kidnap Jim Farmer if it can be definitely determined that latter is in possession of residue of Bremer ransom money.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 8, 1936; Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated March 24, 1936;</p>			
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Letter from the San Antonio Bureau Office,  
dated March 14, 1936.

DETAILS:

The report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated February 8, 1936, sets forth the names and addresses of various contacts of Subject Karpis. Among the names listed appears the name John Curley, of Chicago, Illinois.

With reference to this individual, Special Agent R. C. Suran, during the summer and fall of 1934, frequented the Green Lantern Tavern, located at 79th Street and Dobson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, which place was at that time being operated by Eddie Donovan and John Ball, known contacts of the Karpis-Barker gang. During these visits Agent Suran talked frequently with John Curley, who appeared to be on intimate terms with Donovan and Ball, although no information of value was obtained from this association with Curley due to the fact that no direct questions could be asked him concerning the various persons who frequented the Green Lantern, but Agent did observe Curley in frequent company with Donovan and Ball. Curley, who was an employee of the Illinois Central Railroad, appeared to spend a great deal of time at the Green Lantern Tavern, and it was the impression of Agent Suran that he was not the type of individual who would engage in gangster activities but possibly hung around the Green Lantern for such entertainment as he might secure free of charge.

Since Eddie Donovan and John Ball have not operated the Green Lantern for several months and their present activities were unknown, it was believed advisable to again locate John Curley and endeavor to obtain information from him concerning Donovan and Ball. Agent Suran visited the Green Lantern Tavern, at 79th and Dobson Avenue, where conversation was had with the present bartender; and it was learned that Curley had not been seen at this place for several weeks but was known to reside in the immediate vicinity of this tavern.

Through the personnel records of the Illinois Central Railroad, it was learned that J. J. (John) Curley was employed as a suburban collector for this railroad and resided at 7933 St. Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Agent was unable to locate Curley at his residence, and he was therefore interviewed at the Randolph Street Station of the Illinois

Central Railroad. Prior to Agent's identifying himself to John Curley, Curley was casually asked if he had been drinking lately with Eddie Donovan and Johnnie Ball, and Curley replied that Ball and Donovan became too "hot" for him to associate with and take a chance on getting "machine gunned." Agent then identified himself to Curley and asked him if he would be willing to cooperate with the Bureau in its efforts to locate Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell.

Curley stated that he has known Eddie Donovan and John Ball for more than ten years and knows that both of them are "tough" individuals. Curley stated that during the time they operated the Green Lantern Tavern he spent considerable time there until Eddie and John became quite "hot" after the assassination of Tom Malloy in the summer of 1935. Curley stated that immediately after the assassination of Malloy, Eddie Donovan was arrested for investigation in connection with this murder but was later released. Shortly after his release Eddie Donovan, in company with James Burke, who was associated with him in the operation of the Green Lantern Tavern, was accosted by unknown assailants at which time an attempt was made to kill Eddie Donovan. Donovan, however, escaped, but James Burke was seriously wounded, but subsequently recovered. The information furnished by Curley in this regard was the subject of considerable newspaper publicity at the time these events took place.

Curley stated that after these events he visualized a second "St. Valentine's Day Massacre," believing that if some gang was seriously intent upon killing Eddie Donovan and John Ball that they would some day come into these individuals' place of business and kill everybody in it.

Curley stated that he had been employed by the Illinois Central Railroad for the past twenty-two years; that he had always worked for a living and had never engaged in any of the rackets with which Ball and Donovan were connected; that Ball and Donovan were friendly with him and when he would hang around their taverns they would supply him with numerous free drinks but that they never at any time asked any favors in return, Curley remarking that although he got numerous free drinks from Ball and Donovan he also spent considerable money at their places of business.

Curley stated that during the World's Series at St. Louis in 1934, Eddie Donovan and John Ball had planned a party to leave Chicago, Illinois, to attend the Series at St. Louis, Missouri, and



that in this party were "Doc" Bennett, who has an office in the vicinity of 79th and Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and the head of the Bread Drivers' Union. Curley stated that there was supposed to be another individual making this trip with Ball and Donovan but at the last minute he could not go; that he, Curley, was in the Green Lantern Tavern at the time and was invited to go along, inasmuch as the reservations had already been secured and the tickets for the ball game purchased. Curley stated that he went along with these individuals inasmuch as it was a free trip. He stated that this is the only time he had ever gone anywhere with Ball and Donovan.

Curley advised that the individual whose first name was Howard who was formerly employed as a bartender at the Green Lantern Tavern is now employed as a bartender at some tavern on Cottage Grove Avenue. He further advised that the other bartender, whose first name was Frank, who formerly was employed at the Green Lantern, is supposed to be somewhere in Chicago. However, this agent learned at the Green Lantern Tavern by interview with the present bartender that Frank is presently supposed to be operating a lunch room at Rock Island, Illinois. Curley stated that he believed this to be untrue.

Continuing, Curley advised that since the murder of Malloy and the attempted assassination of Eddie Donovan, the police refused to permit Eddie and John to operate a tavern or other business enterprise at any place; that Eddie and John have attempted on several occasions to operate a "racing book" but have been unsuccessful in remaining open for more than one or two weeks when they were closed up by the police, this activity on the part of the police no doubt being due to the fact that the police know Eddie Donovan is familiar with the identities of the assassins of Tom Malloy but refuses to divulge the same to the authorities. Curley stated, however, that it is his information that Eddie and John are operating a "racing book" at a tavern located on Dobson Avenue, near 82nd Street, on the west side of Dobson Avenue, which tavern has a large Budweiser sign in front of it. Curley stated that Ball and Donovan are not operating this place openly but had as a front a man by the name of Riley, although the book is in reality financed by Donovan and Ball.

Concerning James Burke, Curley stated that in the fall of 1935, probably September, James Burke, who was residing in the 8100



block on Ellis Avenue, died as a result of an ulcer operation performed by Doc Bennett. He stated that he attended the wake had for Burke and at this time saw Eddie and John. He claimed that this was the last time that he has seen these individuals as, for reasons previously stated, Curley claims that he has not frequented the tavern in which the book is being operated by Ball and Donovan.

Concerning Doc Bennett, he stated that he did not know this individual's first name but knew that he was friendly with Eddie and John, but that his reputation as a physician was above reproach. He stated that at the time Burke was shot when the attempt was made on the life of Eddie Donovan, Burke was immediately taken to the office of Doctor Bennett and Bennett immediately reported the matter to the police, which was the first information the police had concerning the identity of the individuals who had been engaged in the shooting affray.

A group of photographs was shown to Curley, which photographs included the various members of the Barker-Karpis gang. Curley claimed he could not positively identify any of them as individuals known to him, but he selected the photograph of Alvin Karpis as being the likeness of an individual he had seen at the Green Lantern Tavern at the time it was being operated by Ball and Donovan; however, he claimed he could not make a positive identification.

Curley expressed his willingness to cooperate in this matter on the assurance that he would be fully protected in any information that he gave. He stated that it was possible that he would see Donovan and Ball from time to time and that he might possibly secure information, although this would appear somewhat doubtful inasmuch as Ball and Donovan very seldom discuss their associates with others.

Curley stated that during the time Ball and Donovan operated the Green Lantern Tavern there was a definite group of individuals who frequented that place and any strangers who entered therein were regarded with suspicion. Curley stated that he had heard Ball and Donovan discuss Agent Suran after the latter had visited this place during the summer and fall of 1934 and had determined to learn the identity of the agent should he make additional visits to this tavern. Curley stated that this was not unusual, as previously stated, because these individuals were naturally suspicious of all strangers who entered their place of business on more than one occasion.

Agent Suran determined that the tavern which answered the description given by Curley, in which is located the book operated by Ball and Donovan, is known as Tommy's Buffet, at 8148 Dobson Avenue.

Inquiries at the Grand Crossing Postal Station revealed that there was a forwarding address at that place for Mr. and Mrs. John Ball from 8132 Ellis Avenue to 8126 Ellis Avenue, dated April 5, 1935.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hartman, 8132 Ellis Avenue, were interviewed in April, 1935, by Special Agents J. L. Madala and D. P. Sullivan, at which time the Hartmans were cooperative with these agents.

In view of this, Agent Suran, on March 24, 1936, again interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hartman. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman stated that John Ball, with his wife and son, age about 6, and daughter, age 4 or 5 years, were tenants at 8132 Ellis Avenue for two years prior to May 1, 1935, when they moved from that address to 8126 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, where they reside at the present time. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman advised that at the time the Balls left the address of 8132 Ellis Avenue Ball gave as a reason that it was necessary to reduce expenses and they were getting the apartment at 8126 Ellis Avenue \$10.00 cheaper than the apartment which was rented to them by the Hartmans. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman stated that the Balls were desirable tenants insofar as paying their rent promptly was concerned, and further that they caused no disturbances whatsoever and from observation it would appear that John Ball was a law-abiding citizen.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartman advised that when the Balls first moved into 8132 Ellis Avenue Ball stated that he was connected with the Hotel Waiters Union and gave as a reference Tom Malloy, as former landlord. Mr. Hartman stated that he investigated the reference given by John Ball, and Tom Malloy advised that Ball was a very good tenant and that he, Malloy, hated to lose him. Malloy stated to Mr. Hartman that Ball would never cause him any trouble and would pay his rent promptly and a better tenant could not be secured. Hartman stated that he did not at that time know the identity of Tom Malloy and took the information furnished by Malloy at its face value; that, however, several months later publicity began to appear in the paper concerning Tom Malloy and his activities with the Motion Picture

Operators Union and, further, that he, Hartman, learned that Ball had never resided with Malloy but had previously resided somewhere in the neighborhood of 82nd and Dobson Avenue. Hartman then stated that he realized that Ball was a hoodlum but inasmuch as he had up to that time been an ideal tenant he did not desire to ask the Balls to move and, in addition, did not desire to incur any animosity on the part of Ball. The Hartmans stated that they had no regrets when the Balls finally decided to move on May 1, 1935.

The Hartmans informed that the premises at 8126 Ellis Avenue are owned by Matthew P. Brophy, who is a married man with five children; that Matthew Brophy is employed by the Illinois Central Railroad. He stated that Brophy came to him and inquired concerning the desirability of the Balls as tenants prior to the time that the Balls moved to 8126 Ellis Avenue. Hartman stated that he at that time knew the true identity and occupation of Ball but could not conscientiously tell Brophy that they were not good tenants for he knew that Brophy was in dire need of renting all the apartments in his building; and for this reason he did not disclose to Brophy full information concerning Ball. He stated that Mr. and Mrs. Brophy are very good citizens and stated to this agent that in view of the information that he had previously furnished Brophy he did not desire that the Brophys be interviewed by an agent inasmuch as it would merely excite them, and that he, Hartman, knew more about the Balls than the Brophys did.

Mr. Hartman stated that he and his wife would cooperate fully with this Bureau in checking on the activities of the Balls in the neighborhood, and in view of this Agent Suran did not interview the Brophys but will wait a reasonable length of time to determine the extent of the cooperation which could be given to this Bureau by the Hartmans. Mr. Hartman stated that he saw John Ball practically every day in the vicinity of 82nd Street and Ellis Avenue, or in the vicinity of 82nd Street and Dobson Avenue, and was also in a position to observe from time to time the various automobiles which were parked in front of 8126 Ellis Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartman stated that during the time the Balls resided at 8132 Ellis Avenue they had as a daily visitor Eddie Donovan, and that also Mrs. Donovan frequently visited the Balls. They stated that they did not know the address at which Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Donovan were living at that time. Mr. Hartman stated that he has not seen Eddie Donovan in company with John Ball for approximately

two months, although he has seen John Ball in company with numerous individuals who are obviously of the racketeer type. He stated that John Ball is seldom seen by himself, but is usually accompanied by other individuals.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartman were shown a group of photographs. They were unable to identify any of the photographs except those of John Ball and Eddie Donovan. Mr. and Mrs. Ball were furnished with a photograph of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, and also with the telephone number of the Chicago Bureau Office, and both promised to cooperate fully in this matter.

These persons will be frequently contacted in order to keep their interest alive in this matter.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartman stated that James Burke, who was formerly closely associated with Donovan and Ball, formerly resided at 8114 Ellis Avenue, and died as a result of an ulcer operation in the fall of 1935, because he left his bed contrary to the doctor's instructions prior to the time that his wounds had completely healed.

Mr. Hartman furnished the further information that he had observed that Johnnie Ball and Eddie Donovan frequently stopped in Fanning's Tavern, located at 82nd and Ellis Streets; that they did not appear to be particularly friendly with Fanning but he had observed them drinking beer at this tavern on numerous occasions. Hartman stated that he did not know, but that Fanning appeared to be a reliable individual.

Mr. M. A. Fanning was interviewed by Agent Suran, but no questions were asked of him concerning John Ball or Eddie Donovan, and the names of these two individuals were not mentioned during the interview. Fanning stated that he formerly operated a tavern at 69th and State Streets and has been at his present location since July, 1935. Fanning stated that during prohibition days he was a bootlegger, but that he never engaged in any other criminal activities, and that his sole occupation at the present time was operating the tavern at 82nd and Ellis Avenue. Fanning stated he had no sympathy for kidnapers or murderers and would assist the authorities in locating any such individuals.

Fanning was shown the photographs of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, and stated that he had never observed them in the



vicinity of 82nd Street and Ellis Avenue. He stated that there were numerous racketeers who hung around in that vicinity, and promised that should he see anyone answering the description of Karpis or Campbell he would notify the Chicago Bureau Office.

Mr. Fanning will be contacted from time to time in connection with this matter.

Without revealing the names of Ball or Donovan or any indication being given that they were connected with the present investigation, Agent interviewed Dr. Edmund F. Bennett, 7936 Cottage Grove Avenue, and his nurse, Miss Gibson. Dr. Bennett stated that he perhaps treats more cases of venereal disease than any other doctor located in the south part of Chicago; that although he does not specialize in this form of treatment he does have numerous cases. Dr. Bennett has quite elaborate offices and from outward appearances has a good practice.

Dr. Bennett and Miss Gibson were shown a group of photographs, among which were Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell. Neither could identify any of the photographs displayed to them. The photographs of John Ball and Eddie Donovan were not, of course, included among the photographs displayed. It was believed that if Dr. Bennett was a reputable individual he would identify the photographs of Karpis and Campbell if they were known to him as patients or otherwise. Since he failed to do so, it was considered unwise to interview him concerning the activities of Ball and Donovan.

The reference report of Special Agent S. K. McKee also sets forth the name of Lillian Holden, who in the past has been known to associate with various members of the Karpis-Barker mob, she being the wife of Thomas Holden, a prisoner believed to be presently confined in the Alcatraz prison. Lillian Holden associated with Francis Keating, Harvey Bailey, Verne Miller, V. Mathis, and others who have been prominently mentioned throughout this investigation. It was known that the parents of Lillian Holden, Mr. and Mrs. William Green, reside at 1002 West 63rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, and it was further known that Lillian Holden has in the past resided at this address, using the name of Lillian Green.

Mr. Dennis O'Hare, 6214 South Ashland Avenue, realtor, has charge of the premises at 1002 West 63rd Street, which is somewhat of a dilapidated apartment house occupied by a paint shop and tire



shop on the first floor. Mr. O'Hare stated that William Green and his family still reside at 1002 West 63rd Street, but have been given notice to move for failure to pay rent. Mr. O'Hare advised that Miss Laverne Tennison handles the renting of the property at 1002 West 63rd Street, and was more familiar with the tenants of that building than he, Mr. O'Hare.

Miss Tennison advised that the Greens occupy an apartment on the fourth floor at 1002 West 63rd Street and the apartment is rented in the name of Mae Green, wife of William Green. Miss Tennison stated that the Greens have been on veteran's relief until about three months ago when the relief funds ceased to be distributed in Illinois, and that since that time it has been very difficult to collect the rent for the apartment occupied by the Greens. She advised that the Greens presently owe \$25.00, and that she personally gave them notice to move, which notice was to expire on or about March 27, 1936, in the event the \$25.00 arrearage was not paid. Miss Tennison stated that she goes to the building occasionally but has never had an opportunity to observe the visitors of the Greens. She stated that Mae Green always comes to the office to pay the rent.

Miss Tennison further advised that she had learned that the Greens have another family living with them in the flat, which is supposed to be occupied only by one family, and the fact that another family is residing with the Greens is supposed to be unknown to the realty company. Miss Tennison stated that she knows Lillian Green when she sees her but has never had any conversation with this woman. Miss Tennison stated that Lillian lived with her parents until about a month or six weeks ago. She stated that according to the information she had recently obtained from Mae Green, Lillian's mother, Lillian is presently supposed to be residing in New York City with an aunt. Miss Tennison further informed that the information she had obtained from other tenants in the building was to the effect that the Greens allow no one to enter their apartment as they are now about three months behind in the payment of their gas bill and are afraid that someone will enter and cut off the gas. Miss Tennison stated that she was of the opinion, however, that the other family living with the Greens had something to do with the refusal of the Greens to permit anyone to enter their apartment. Miss Tennison was unable to provide any information concerning the identity of the other family presently residing with the Greens.

Both Miss Tennison and Mr. O'Hare stated that an individual who presently resides in the apartment house, by the name of Donald

McGregor, was formerly employed as a janitor at the building; that they considered him reliable and believed that he would keep any inquiries made of him confidential.

Donald McGregor was interviewed at 1002 West 63rd Street and advised that the fourth floor apartment was presently occupied by William Green and his wife and another elderly lady, whose identity he did not know. He stated that he was positive that there were no other individuals residing in this apartment at the present time. McGregor stated that he has not observed Lillian at that address for two or three months and did not know her present location. He further advised that he had not observed the young man who was supposed to be Lillian's brother at the apartment since the summer of 1935. He was unable to state the name of this brother, but it is known from previous investigation that Lillian Holden did in fact have a brother residing at 1002 West 63rd Street.

Ralph Freeman, colored, the mail carrier, was interviewed, Freeman working out of the Englewood Station of the Post Office. Freeman stated that he had been carrying this route for ten years and knew that a family by the name of Green resided on the fourth floor at 1002 West 63rd Street for several years and presently resided there, but that he had no information concerning the identity of the persons presently receiving mail at this address; that although he had observed a woman there who was supposed to be Mrs. Green's daughter he had little information concerning her and did not know whether she was presently residing with her mother and father.

The surveillance of the family of John Karpavicz has been continued since the rendition of the reference report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, and this report covers this surveillance for the period of March 17, 1936, to March 30, 1936. As previously reported in other reports, the surveillance is being maintained by Special Agent V. E. Criss and Anthony Vaitkus, and a complete log has been maintained. However, the conversations overheard in most part have been immaterial to this investigation and only such parts as might have a bearing in the future are recorded herein.

On March 18, 1936, at 8:50 P.M., Anthony Vaitkus overheard the following Lithuanian conversation over the microphone:

Emily (Newbold) and Mr. Karpavicz discussed a

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[REDACTED] (This apparently refers to the ring of Alvin Karpis which the Karpavicz family obtained from Dolores Delaney after her apprehension at Atlantic City, New Jersey, in January, 1935.)

On March 26, 1936, at 11:40 A.M., an incoming call to Belmont 7899 was overheard by Anthony Vaitkus in the Lithuanian language and translated by him:

Clara (Venute) called Mrs. Karpavicz on the telephone.

[REDACTED]

At 11:50 A.M. on March 22, 1936, an incoming call to Belmont 7899 between Clara Venute and Mr. Karpavicz was overheard. The conversation was concerning Raymond, the baby, but indicated that Clara makes all of her telephone calls from the home of Mrs. Meyers, which is in close proximity to the home of Clara Venute.

On March 28, 1936, at 3:40 P.M., an outgoing call was made on Belmont 7899 to Seeley 5788 (telephone number of Mrs. Meyers):

Mrs. Karpavicz called a woman on the telephone and

[REDACTED]

On March 28, 1936, at 7:55 P.M., Katie and John (Post) were heard talking in the front of the apartment by Anthony Vaithkus. They could not get in the apartment as Mr. Karpavicz was last to leave and he had the keys. At 8:10 P.M. Mr. Karpavicz returned to the apartment and they entered the house, and the following conversation was overheard by Vaithkus over the microphone: b7c

Mrs. Karpavicz told Katie and John



During this conversation Mrs. Karpavicz stepped outside, and after a few minutes she came back. (This is her hourly visit outside.)



Katie mentioned





On March 28, 1936, at 9:55 P.M., an incoming call was received on Belmont 7899:

Clara called on the telephone and Mr. Karpavicz answered. They talked [REDACTED] b7c

The conversation overheard in the Karpavicz apartment on March 28, 1936, continued as follows:

John and Katie remained at the Karpavicz apartment until 9:55 P.M. and after they had gone Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz talked [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This apparently refers to previous conversations concerning the taking of the baby somewhere.)

On March 29, 1936, at 8:30 A.M., Emily Newbold came over to the Karpavicz apartment and her conversation with Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz was overheard by Vaitkus on the microphone: [REDACTED]



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[REDACTED]

The conversation concerning Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz taking the baby somewhere on Sunday, March 29, 1936, indicated that they were taking the baby somewhere and did not desire to talk about it over the telephone, as is noted in the conversation between Mrs. Karpavicz and Clara Venute. It was therefore deemed advisable to conduct a surveillance of Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz on Sunday, March 29, 1936. Upon instructions of Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, Special Agents J. M. Jones and M. V. Kirkland maintained this surveillance, and the following memorandum was submitted in connection therewith:

Pursuant to instructions, Agents J. M. Jones and M. V. Kirkland maintained a surveillance of the activities of John Karpavicz and Mrs. John Karpavicz, beginning at 8 A.M. on the morning of March 29, 1936.

At 8 A.M. when the surveillance was begun, Mr. Karpavicz was found at the School Street Apartments, of which place he is the janitor. He returned from the School Street Apartments at 8:45 A.M. driving his 1929 Ford Coupe, Illinois 1936 license No. 546784. He returned to his home at 2842 N. Francisco.

Mr. Karpavicz did not leave the apartment at 2842 N. Francisco until 1:30 P.M. when he made another trip to the School Street Apartments.

At approximately 2 P.M. Mr. Karpavicz, Mrs. Karpavicz and the baby, son of Subject, drove to a play ground which is located on the first block of Otto Street where School Street ends. The three of them sat in the Ford Coupe parked alongside of the playground for approximately fifteen or twenty minutes. From this point they drove North on School Street to Addison Street or U. S. Route #14, then down Route #14 to the 5900 block

on Lawrence Avenue. Here Mr. Karpavicz stopped the car opposite the middle of a vacant lot for approximately four or five minutes. He then drove on Lawrence Avenue to the 4800 block on Milwaukee, then southeast on Milwaukee to where the latter street joins Addison.

The three of them then drove down Addison to where it joins Route #62 or Avondale Avenue. Then on Avondale to North Francisco Street where they reached 2842 North Francisco, parked the car and went into the apartment building. The time of their return was approximately 3 P.M. At neither the playground stop or the stop opposite the vacant lot did either Mr. or Mrs. Karpavicz contact any person.

After their return to 2842 North Francisco, at 3 P.M., Agent M. V. Kirkland called Special Agent in Charge Ladd over the telephone and advised him of the result of the surveillance thus far. Mr. Ladd then instructed Agents Kirkland and Jones to continue the surveillance for another two hours, or until approximately 5 o'clock, and to call him at that time.

At 5:00 P.M. Agent Jones again called Special Agent in Charge Ladd on the telephone and was instructed to discontinue the surveillance."

During the course of the investigation of the case entitled CLEMENTS PIOTROWSKI; JOSEPH BERGL; et al., THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT, Chicago File No. 15-335, Special Agent A. J. Norstrom interviewed Mr. Leo Bullinger, who operates a plumbing shop at 2053 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Illinois, and who informed that he formerly owned the premises at 2007 Cicero Avenue for a number of years and that about 1931 Charles Grand, 2009 48th Avenue, Cicero, Illinois, rented the premises for a saloon. The following information was reported by Special Agent A. J. Norstrom in connection with the above referred to case:

Mr. Bullinger advised that he later discovered that Grand was acting as agent for the Capone Syndicate and that one Spieler of 3435 West 26th Street, Chicago, Illinois, paid him \$1,000.00 as rent upon signing the lease. He informed that Al Capone was more or less interested in the tavern and that when Grand's services were no longer satisfactory to the Syndicate he was relieved of his duties

by Capone, and Peter Pizzo was installed as the manager. Bullinger further informed that Pizzo operated a small gambling place and saloon at that address and had an assistant named Charles, whose last name Bullinger was unable to recall, but whom he described as a young man of thirty years, fair complexion, slender build, and quite badly hunchbacked as a result of paralysis. He informed that another assistant of Pizzo's was an individual named Miles, who he was unable to state definitely was Miles O'Donnell, another member of the Capone Syndicate. He stated later when Pizzo opened the Hy-Ho Club at Cicero, the Syndicate brought Willie Harrison, a subject in the BREKID case, now deceased, from Chicago Heights, Illinois, as the manager of the place with the assistance of Miles. He again stated that after Harrison became manager the Alcohol Tax Unit of the Treasury Department obtained an injunction against Harrison, Miles and himself, from operating the place, although he stated he was not connected with the group in any way, his only activity at the place being to collect the rent, and that he never knew any of the patrons of the saloon and was unable to state any of the activities that went on there. As a matter of fact, he stated that the Syndicate still owes him part of the rent on the premises, which he has no hopes of ever receiving.

He stated that the Harry that he previously mentioned had also worked for Willie Harrison at the tavern after the time that Pizzo had taken over the place. Ralph Capone succeeded his brother, Al, in the general management of Pizzo's and Harrison's activities. He informed that F. N. Mangum, 4811 Cicero Avenue, Cicero, Illinois, real estate broker, with offices at 2137 Cicero Avenue, Cicero, Illinois, knew the whole setup at the 2007 address and could undoubtedly furnish information as to Pizzo's activities at the time he was in active management if so disposed, but that he was undoubtedly a Syndicate member and efforts to question him would be futile.

The files in the Chicago Bureau Office in the Brekid case reflect that Willie Harrison operated the saloon at 2007 Cicero Avenue in 1935, and that one Petey and Jimmy the Swede (James Morand) were very close to him at that time. He had a bartender named Mickey at the place, whose true name was Edward Ebert, and that he operated the place after one Peter Pizzo opened the Hy-Ho Club at 2242 South Cicero Avenue, along with one Joey O'Brien as part owner.

A search of the BREKID file was made for associates of Harrison and Pizzo named Harry, which disclosed that Harry Green, 542 Lake Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, operated a tavern at the above

address in April of 1933, and that Harry Tucker, alias Ray Tucker, was employed as a bartender by Harrison at Calumet City, Illinois.

It appearing from the above information set out by Agent Norstrom that Bullinger had contact with Willie Harrison at the saloon at 2007 Cicero Avenue, it appeared that he might possibly have information concerning other subjects in this case; and from the information furnished to Agent Norstrom it further appeared that Bullinger might be willing to further cooperate in the instant investigation. Therefore, it was deemed advisable to further interview him for possible information concerning Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell.

Agent Norstrom and Agent Suran on March 30, 1936, again interviewed Mr. Bullinger, and he stated that the individual who was referred to in the information previously reported by Agent Norstrom as being Miles O'Donnell was one Miles Kazda, who is a war veteran and is presently reported to be working for Cook County. Bullinger stated that Miles Kazda has only one leg, and that the amputation of the one leg has not properly healed and it is necessary for Kazda to secure frequent treatments at the Veterans Hospital at Maywood, Illinois; that it is possible that Miles Kazda might furnish valuable information concerning the identity of the Harry referred to as being employed at one time with Willie Harrison in the tavern at 2007 Cicero Avenue, and it was possible that this individual might have additional information concerning the identity of the persons who frequented this saloon.

A group of photographs was shown to Bullinger, and he selected the photograph of Alvin Karpis as being the likeness of an individual who appeared familiar to him, but he could not identify it definitely as being the likeness of an individual whom he had observed at 2007 Cicero Avenue.

Mr. Bullinger stated that he frequented this address frequently while it was a tavern, the main reason being to make certain that he collected all rents that were due him.

Mr. Bullinger reiterated the information that he furnished to Agent Norstrom that one Bleier of 5435 West 26th Street, Chicago, Illinois, a florist, would be an individual who would possess considerable information concerning the identity of the individuals who frequented 2007 Cicero Avenue. Mr. Bullinger was unable to furnish any additional information which would be of assistance in identifying



the various persons with the exception of advising that George Talbot, Jr., who operates a garage next door to the address 2007 Cicero Avenue, had been at this location for some years past and was rather well acquainted with all the patrons at the tavern, as well as the operators of it, since 1931.

George Talbot was previously interviewed by Special Agent Norstrom, and he informed that there was a very rough element that frequented the tavern at 2007 Cicero Avenue, and he never attempted to become too friendly with them. Talbot stated that in 1933 one Pete Pizzo operated the place and was later succeeded by Charles Peddie when Pizzo left the location to open the Hy-Ho Club on Cicero Avenue, this club being presently known as the Ha-Ha Club. He informed Agent Norstrom that Pizzo had an assistant by the name of Harry, whose last name he was unable to recall but who was between 25 and 30 years of age, slender build, light complexion, and perhaps of Bohemian extraction. He stated that this Harry was quite badly crippled as a result of paralysis, and to the best of his knowledge he had not seen him in the locality since the latter part of 1933.

Talbot informed that Pizzo was about 30 years of age, 5'5" in height and very stockily built, weighing about 175 pounds, is of Italian nationality, and resided in Brookfield, Illinois, with his wife, who recently passed away. He further informed that Pizzo himself had died in 1934 from what he believed was heart disease.

Talbot will be further interviewed in connection with the instant investigation.

With reference to the letter from the San Antonio Office dated March 14, 1936, submitting a memorandum prepared by Special Agent T. H. Sisk concerning the identification of Alvin Karpis by one Lester Miller at San Antonio, Texas, on March 13, 1936, the letter from the San Antonio Office requested that investigation be conducted to determine something of the history of Lester Miller.

The memorandum submitted by Agent Sisk stated that when first interviewed Miller advised that he saw Karpis several times in 1935, and later stated that he saw Karpis only once in the first part of July, 1935, standing alone at the corner of Wilson and



Broadway near Stoner's Restaurant, at which place he, Miller, was formerly employed.

Interview was had with Mr. F. G. Stoner, 2728 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, at which place Mr. Stoner operates a restaurant. This individual advised that he had operated a chain of lunch rooms at Cleveland, Ohio, prior to the year 1924, after which he came to Chicago, Illinois, and opened a restaurant at 1118 Wilson Avenue, which restaurant he continued to operate until the summer of 1935, when he moved to his present location.

It is noted that Stoner advised that he did not operate the cafe at 1118 Wilson Avenue during the summer of 1935, which is the time that Miller claimed he saw Alvin Karpis in that vicinity.

Mr. Stoner stated that he has known Lester Miller for several years, and that this individual worked for him as a waiter in his various lunchrooms at Cleveland, Ohio, prior to 1924. Mr. Stoner stated that Miller at various times worked for him at 1118 Wilson Avenue, and that in the summer of 1935, the exact date not recalled by Mr. Stoner, Miller came to him and requested a position, and that he gave him a job as a waiter at 2728 North Clark Street, and that the latter worked there for only a few weeks. He stated that Miller is more or less of an itinerant restaurant worker, being employed at various times as a waiter and a cook.

He stated that he has always regarded Miller highly and would give him a job at any time one was available and oftentimes gave him work merely to help him out when he, Stoner, did not actually have a vacancy in any of his restaurants. He advised that he believed Miller to be reliable and that he was not known to be given to exaggeration of his experiences, and that he, Stoner, would place credence in any information furnished by Miller.

Stoner was shown a group of photographs among which was the photograph of Alvin Karpis, and he was unable to identify it as being the likeness of any individual who had frequented any of his restaurants.

Interview was had with Mr. C. H. Young, Assistant Manager of the Leland Hotel, 1203 Leland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, who stated that he had been employed in this position for the past seven years and was entirely familiar with all the tenants who had

lived at the Leland Hotel during the past two or three years. He stated that he knew no one by the name of Lester Miller, but was well acquainted with Mr. Stoner, who formerly operated a restaurant at 1118 Wilson Avenue. Mr. Young stated that Mr. Stoner was a reliable individual who had gone broke operating a restaurant at 1118 Wilson Avenue, principally because he was too liberal with the various transient waiters and other restaurant employees who came to him for positions.

Mr. Young was shown a group of photographs among which was a photograph of Alvin Karpis, and he stated that he could not identify it as the likeness of anyone who had ever resided at the Leland Hotel or had been observed by him frequenting that place.

At the Record Bureau of the Chicago Police Department an effort was made to learn whether Lester Miller had a record at that place. Mr. Stoner had previously advised that he did not know the address at which Miller had lived with his wife in Chicago, Illinois, at the various times Miller had lived in this city, but stated that Miller was about forty years of age. It was found that there were numerous Lester Millers of the approximate age of Lester Miller who had been arrested in the past by the Chicago Police Department, and due to the lack of other identifying data such as fingerprint classification or local address, it could not be stated that any of the Lester Millers listed could be identical with the informant of the San Antonio Office.

Special Agent D. P. Sullivan conducted additional investigation concerning this matter, the results of which will be reported hereinafter, and a summary of the same was furnished to the San Antonio Office by teletype under date of March 16, 1936.

With reference to information set out in memorandum of Special Agent T. H. Sisk, San Antonio, Texas dated March 14, 1936, as provided by Lester Miller, Agent D. P. Sullivan conducted the following investigation:

H. Cato, Postmaster, Homewood, Illinois was interviewed. He was questioned concerning the Ellis Inn and stated that he could not recall a tavern in or about Homewood, Illinois ever having been operated under that name. He stated that Oliver Ellis had recently been released from a Federal penitentiary after serving a sentence for income tax evasion. In connection with the inn mentioned by Lester Miller, Cato stated that just outside of Homewood, Illinois there is located a dog track which has been closed for the past three years, and a horse race track; that he knows of no Sheridan Golf course and that possibly the inn may have been a small place located on the grounds of the dog track which formerly was operated by Oliver Ellis. Postmaster Cato stated he could not recall anyone by the name of Lester Miller ever having lived in Homewood, Illinois. Cato stated that Oliver Ellis has a brother J. Homer Ellis, who formerly had the controlling interest in the dog track at Homewood, and who is presently interested in a dog track at Miami, Florida. Cato referred Agent Sullivan to Ben Francis who operates Ben's Chateau, a tavern near Homewood.

Ben Francis was interviewed by Agent Sullivan and stated that he has been acquainted with Oliver Ellis and J. Homer Ellis for some time; that he cannot recall anyone by the name of Lester Miller having resided at Homewood, nor can he recall anyone by that name ever having worked for either of the two above mentioned men. He stated that up until about two years ago there was a brick residence located on the property of the dog track which was operated by J. Homer Ellis and his brother Oliver; that he was acquainted with most of the persons who worked at this dog track but could not recall anyone named Lester Miller. A hat check girl who refused to give her name was also interviewed by Agent Sullivan but denied knowing anyone by the name of Lester Miller. Photographs of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and other members of the gang were shown to Ben Francis and to the hat check girl, but they failed to recognize them. This check girl stated that her husband was formerly a guard at the dog track and that her brother formerly operated a hot dog stand at the dog track; that she spent a great deal of time there, but never noticed anyone of a suspicious character hanging about there. Ben Francis suggested that Agent interview Selby Moore who is presently managing a tavern four miles out of Homewood called "Six acres". Francis stated that Moore formerly was employed by Oliver Ellis and undoubtedly would be able to recall Lester Miller if he ever worked for Ellis.

Chief of Police William Gleason was interviewed and stated that he could not recall anyone by the name of Lester Miller having resided at Homewood, Illinois, nor could he recall that this man worked for Oliver Ellis. He suggested that Agent Sullivan interview Dan Bergen, present postmaster of Chicago Heights, located a few miles from Homewood, whom he stated was widely acquainted in this vicinity.

Postmaster Dan Bergen of Chicago Heights was interviewed by Agent Sullivan and stated that he was casually acquainted with Oliver Ellis and J. Homer Ellis, but could not recall anyone by the name of Lester Miller ever having worked for either or both of these two men.

Selby Moore was interviewed at the Six Acres tavern, about four miles out of Homewood. He stated that up until one year ago he worked for Oliver Ellis for about ten years, both at his present location and at the dog track when it was operating; that he could not recall anyone by the name of Lester Miller who ever was employed by Ellis. Photographs of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and other members of the gang were exhibited to Moore and the other persons who were interviewed, none of whom could recall having seen anyone of the likeness of these photographs visiting or living in the vicinity of Homewood, Illinois. There is no golf course located at or in the vicinity of Homewood, Illinois called the Sheridan Golf course, nor was any place ever operated in this vicinity under the name of the Ellis Inn.



[redacted] advised Agent Suran on March 23, 1936, that he was firmly of the opinion that Jim Farmer was in possession of a considerable sum of money which had previously belonged to Elmer Farmer, and that it was probable that if Jim Farmer did have a sum of money the source of it was the residue of the Bremer ransom money. [redacted] stated that he had been in frequent contact with Rigo Bertolini and Edward Otis, and that these two individuals are endeavoring to find out how much money Jim Farmer has at the present time, and that they are of the opinion that Farmer has approximately \$27,000.00. [redacted] stated that it is the plan of these two individuals to kidnap Jim Farmer and hold him for ransom if they can definitely ascertain that Jim Farmer is in possession of such a sum of money. [redacted] stated that Bertolini and Otis have invited him to participate in this kidnaping, and that he is playing along with them merely for the purpose of obtaining all the information that these individuals secure concerning any monies that Jim Farmer might be in possession of, inasmuch as [redacted] is of the opinion that if the money is the residue of the Bremer ransom money the same would be of interest to this office.

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[redacted] Bertolini and Edward Otis and [redacted] are endeavoring to secure this definite information through Art Muetchler, who is close to Jim Farmer; that Art Muetchler has a girl friend by the name of Grace Tate, who has been "playing around" with Jim Farmer. [redacted] that this woman had advised Bertolini, Otis, and himself that Farmer has a considerable sum of money, and that in order to make it appear that the money he is spending has been won on race horses, he has been observed making out "win" tickets at the bookmaking establishment operated by him at Bensenville; that the Tate woman had observed him making out one "win" ticket for \$600.00 and another for \$800.00, and the information obtained by the Tate woman is to the effect that Farmer did not win this money.

[redacted] stated that Jim Farmer has now paid off a \$200.00 note which he had signed for Muetchler at Princeton, Illinois, which sum of money was necessary to secure Muetchler's release from jail at Princeton, Illinois, where he was being held on a burglary or hijacking charge; that Jim Farmer likewise paid off a \$200.00 note signed by him for the same purpose to secure the release of Bertolini from the county jail at Wheaton, Illinois.



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[redacted] advised that Jim Farmer now has twenty-five slot machines, which he has been unable to keep in operation on account of the hostility of the county authorities against him. [redacted] that just prior to the time Elmer Farmer was tried at St. Paul, Minnesota, for the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer, Jim Farmer sold all of Elmer Farmer's slot machines, including his, Jim Farmer's, for the purpose of raising money for defense purposes. [redacted] that he believed that this was merely a blind to make people think that he, Jim Farmer, was broke, and now [redacted] definitely knows that Farmer has secured all new machines, and that these machines cost in the neighborhood of \$87.00 each.

[redacted] that Grace Tate, Muetchler's woman, resides near Fulton and Damen Avenues, a few doors east on the north side of Fulton Street.

[redacted] that he is in almost daily contact with the above-named individuals, and that he would promptly advise of any information of value obtained.

On March 21, 1936, Mr. K. H. Brettman, 1246 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, who is employed in the jewelry store at that address, telephoned the Chicago Bureau Office and advised Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd that he had some information concerning Karpis which might be of interest to this Bureau and which also might have previously been furnished to this Bureau; that he did not desire to discuss the same over the telephone.

Special Agent Suran interviewed Mr. Brettman on this date, and he advised that he had a confidential informant whose identity he did not feel at liberty to disclose who had advised him that on or about February 20, 1936, in the evening, Mrs. Karpavicz had been observed taking blankets from her apartment to the boiler room, and that the informant also saw Alvin Karpis at the Karpavicz apartment, and that Alvin Karpis had been sleeping in the furnace room at 2842 Francisco Street.

Mr. Brettman was requested to furnish the name of his informant if possible and, if necessary, to contact the informant and ascertain whether he would be willing to talk to an agent of the Bureau.

Later in the afternoon of March 21, 1936, Mr. Brettman telephoned Agent Suran and advised that he had not contacted the informant but had decided to inform Agent of his identity.

Mr. Brettman was again interviewed, and advised that his informant was one Paul Kohler, who resided at 2846 North Francisco Street. Brettman stated that Kohler washed windows for the jewelry firm located at 1246 Milwaukee Avenue, and that he, Brettman, who is an applicant for Special Agent in the Bureau, had always been interested in this particular case and, knowing that Kohler resided next door to the Karpavicz family, he endeavored from time to time to obtain information from him and Kohler had furnished the information as above related.

According to Brettman, Kohler advised him that Agents of the Bureau had attempted to gain admission to his house in order to observe the Karpavicz apartment, but that he and his wife were afraid to permit this procedure and have not cooperated with Bureau agents. Of course, it is known that this is false, and that Mr. and Mrs. Kohler have in fact cooperated with the Bureau. However, Mr. Brettman was not advised of this fact.

Further contact has been had with other confidential informants of the Chicago Bureau Office, including Frank Vaughn of Evanston, Illinois. Frank Vaughn stated that he had not heard from Herbert Farmer or Tom Hill since corresponding with them as related in previous reports. Vaughn stated that he did not now expect to hear from Herbert Farmer inasmuch as his sentence had been affirmed by the United States Supreme Court. Vaughn advised that he might possibly in the next month or two make a trip to the vicinity of Joplin, Missouri, for the purpose of visiting his relatives and if he did this he would make inquiries and endeavor to obtain information concerning Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell.

It is the opinion of Agent Suran that Vaughn, because of his previous hoodlum connections, will not further cooperate in this matter, and it is possible that Vaughn, although willing to do so, is afraid of the bodily harm which might come to him if members of the underworld found out he was furnishing information to the Government. Vaughn has indicated this fact throughout the several interviews which have been had with him. Vaughn promised to communicate with the Chicago Bureau Office in the event he did decide to make the proposed trip to Joplin, Missouri. b7c b7d

[redacted] who has recently been on a trip to Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Maryland, and Columbus, Ohio, returned to Chicago, Illinois, on March 22, 1936, without proceeding

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to Cleveland or Toledo, Ohio, for the purpose of contacting Edith Barry. [redacted] communicated with [redacted] while he was at Columbus, Ohio, and [redacted] in turn communicated telephonically with Special Agent R. C. Suran and asked whether it was desired that [redacted] proceed to Toledo, Ohio, at Bureau expense for the purpose of contacting Edith Barry. This matter was discussed with Special Agent in Charge R. J. Connelley, and Mr. Connelley was of the opinion that perhaps it would be advisable to advise [redacted] that he should await an invitation from Edith Barry before proceeding to that point. It was believed that it would not be advisable at this time for [redacted] to proceed to Toledo, Ohio, in view of the developments at that place, the particular development being the fact that "Lu" Poole is apparently cooperating with the Bureau.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

**THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE.**

At Alcatraz Prison, is requested to examine the records to determine with whom prisoner Thomas Holden is corresponding, and particularly to secure the present address of Lillian Holden, his wife. This same procedure should be taken with reference to prisoner Francis Keating, in order that the present address of his wife, Marjorie Keating, might be learned. It is also suggested that copies of all future correspondence of these two prisoners be secured for a reasonable length of time and furnished to the Chicago Bureau Office in order that they may examine them for any possible information that might be of assistance in the instant investigation.

**THE CHICAGO OFFICE.**

At Chicago, Illinois, will again interview Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hartman, 8152 Ellis Avenue, for any information that they might be able to secure concerning the activities of John Ball and Eddie Donovan. These persons should be contacted once every two weeks for the purpose of keeping up their interest in this matter.

This office will also again interview Mr. W. A. Fanning, Fanning's Tavern, 82nd and Ellis Avenue, from time to time in an effort to develop him into an informant, and for the purpose of determining whether he observes anyone in the vicinity of 82nd and Ellis Avenue who might resemble Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell.

At Cicero, Illinois, will interview Mr. George Talbot, Jr., who operates a garage next to the address 2007 Cicero Avenue. Mr. Talbot should be interviewed concerning the identities of the individuals who frequented that tavern during the time it was operated by Willie Harrison. It should be learned whether George Talbot is acquainted with Alvin Karpis and whether he would be willing to cooperate in efforts to apprehend this individual.

At Hines, Illinois, at the Edward Hines, Jr. Veterans Hospital, will conduct appropriate investigation to ascertain the address of Miles Kazda, who is reported to frequently obtain treatments at that place as he is a wounded war veteran suffering from the loss of a leg.

At Chicago, Illinois, will contact J. J. Curley, 7933 St. Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, from time to time for the purpose of securing additional information concerning the activities of John Ball and Eddie Donovan.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Harry Campbell, R. D., Sayre, Pa., is not identical with Subject Harry Campbell in instant case.  - P -			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. W. Ransom, Philadelphia, Pa., dated February 26, 1936.			
DETAILS: <u>AT SAYRE, PA.</u> Special Agent A. R. Miller interviewed Andrew Zeller, Rural Mail Carrier, Route #1, Sayre, who advised that he has known Harry T. Campbell, who resides on the Rural Route at Sayre, for approximately twelve years. Campbell is a farmer, 37 years of age, and comes from a large family who have been residing at a small place near Sayre known as Litchfield Center; further, that this Harry Campbell owns both a pleasure car and a truck, and has always borne a good reputation in and around his home. His physical description does not check with that of the Subject in this case.  - P E N D I N G -			
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AM APRIL TENTH ARRIVING LITTLE ROCK TEN PM TOMORROW NIGHT. HE ADVISES HE BELIEVES  
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Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

On April 3, 1936, a communication was received from [redacted] advising he had received information to the effect that "Ace" Penelton recently escaped from Ardmore, Oklahoma, and that he is presently in contact with Alvin Karpis.

Report of Special Agent V. I. Parry, Kansas City, Missouri, dated November 30, 1935, recites that in October 1935 one E. L. Pendleton, whose activities were being investigated in connection with efforts to locate Lloyd Doyle and Clarence Sparger, was residing at 3320 Woodland Avenue. The manager of this apartment building identified the photograph of Harry Campbell as having visited Pendleton's apartment in October 1935.

It is requested that the Oklahoma City Office conduct a discreet investigation to determine whether in fact Ace Penelton did escape from Ardmore, Oklahoma, and also secure photograph and description of this individual in order that it may be determined whether it is the same individual as E. L. Pendleton. In this connection photographs should be forwarded to the Kansas City office.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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BREKID INVESTIGATION SAN AUGUSTINE COUNTY FAILS SUBSTANTIATE INFORMATION

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*Edward J. O'Brien*

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

April 8th, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

In reply to your letter of April 3rd, 1936, (7-576), I desire to advise that Special Agent D. P. Sullivan has interviewed Dolores Delaney and Winona Burdett, as suggested in Bureau letter of March 27th, 1936, and the results of these interviews are set out in the report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan dated Chicago, Illinois, April 4th, 1936.

Also, the search of the leading Chicago newspapers relative to the stories pertaining to the members of the Barker-Karpis gang has been completed and the results thereof are set forth in the report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan dated Chicago, Illinois, April 3rd, 1936.

Very truly yours,

DML:LJM  
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*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 818  
Chicago Illinois

April 7, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: BREXID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 6, 1936 to the Cleveland office requesting that they have several copies of the photograph of Sam Coker made and furnished to your office.

Inasmuch as these photographs are readily available at the Chicago office there are transmitted herewith four copies of the photograph of Sam Coker for your use in conducting investigation concerning the instant case.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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BREKID  
PAUL GEZAIN AND GRACE GOLDSTEIN UNKNOWN TO MEMPHIS PD AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS  
AT MEMPHIS

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*Edward J. Brennan*

April 2, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Time - 1:30 P. M.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS -  
JACK DEMPSEY - Victim;  
Extortion

While talking with Mr. Whitley on other matters, I asked him what the status of the above matter was. He stated there are no further developments; that he is watching it and everything has been reported up to date on same; that he thinks it was a "crank" case in the beginning, but it is being given very prompt and expeditious attention all the way through.

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RE: FRANK E. FOSTER alias  
FRANK FROST

7-576-10457

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Mr. Whitley also called my attention to the above matter. He is the man the New York office had under surveillance over a year ago in New York. He is supposed to have been a contact for Harry Sawyer, which is the only interest the Bureau had in him. He subsequently, several months ago, showed up at Reno, Nevada. McLaughlin who is pretty closely in touch with activities out there and wrote the Bureau concerning him, said this individual was associating with Herb Graham and other local men out there. Mr. Whitley said they identified Foster immediately from the description and data contained in the Field office file. Shortly after this, Inspector McDermott of the New York City Police Department made inquiries about Foster, saying that he had him identified in connection with a jewel robbery, which is the Radio City robbery of January 1st, 1936. Mr. Whitley stated he did not tell Inspector McDermott where Foster was. The Bureau was advised of the inquiry by letter and the fact that there is no process out against him and the Bureau wrote back and instructed not to advise Inspector McDermott as to Foster's whereabouts for the time being, as McLaughlin was being asked to make some discreet inquiries to see if he could get any line on whether Foster might have taken some of the jewelry out there. Inspector McDermott has again contacted the New York office and stated he has Foster positively identified as one of the participants in the robbery; that Foster has been secretly indicted and that he is extremely anxious to find him.

Mr. Whitley stated, in view of this development, which has also been reported to the Bureau by letter, it occurs to him that the Bureau should consider very carefully the advisability of withholding that information any longer from the New York Police; in other words, they have an indictment out for a man on a serious charge and there is a possibility he

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*\* New York City  
Edwards & G. Brennan  
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may have transported some of the jewelry out of the state but the Bureau has no information whatever indicating that. Mr. Whitley stated that if the Bureau should lose track of him at Reno and it would later come out that the Bureau knew where he was and had not told the New York Police, it would be a bad position to be in; before they did not have an indictment but now they do have.

Mr. Whitley suggested that I review the correspondence outlining this matter and consider whether the New York office should sit tight on the information. I advised him I would recommend to you that the New York Police be advised of Foster's whereabouts, as the Bureau's relations are pretty good now, especially with Inspector McDermott who is handling this case personally. I also advised him I would let him know the outcome of my talk with you relative to same.

Mr. Whitley also suggested that Inspector McDermott will probably want the Bureau to pick up Foster and hold him until the New York Police can have him removed or extradited and believes the Bureau should also approve this step. Mr. Whitley stated Foster is very dangerous; that apparently he is acting as body guard for Graham at Reno and if he is associating with Graham in Reno it means that he has a direct inside track on everything there, in other words local officials wouldn't pick him up.

RE: EDW. W. BENTZ w. a.  
et al - Bank Robbery

Mr. Whitley also advised that at the time they were talking to Bents while he was in custody at New York, he told them about a bunch of getaway charts he had buried in Connecticut, also a rifle. He said that those charts were for jobs which he and his associates had pulled and for a number of jobs which have not been pulled but which have been contemplated. He gave the best descriptive data he could as to the location of them and Mr. Whitley said he sent Agents Seery, Kilmartin and Banister up there Tuesday to try to locate the charts. They found eighteen getaway charts buried in a thermos jug. The charts are very elaborate, they are typewritten and they show the exact directions and mileage, being prepared by Bents himself. Mr. Whitley stated these charts have not been identified as to just what jobs they relate and Bents may have to identify them as they relate to past and contemplated jobs. The charts are all being photostated today and will be sent to the Bureau - the originals and one set of photostats. They have not been touched and have been put in cellophane envelopes; that he has in mind different parties whom Bents named and who helped him in some of these jobs, who might have handled these charts and the Bureau could probably get a number of good latent prints off of them.

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Mr. Whitley advised that in addition to the charts they found a half gallon container buried at the same place full of roofing tacks used to sprinkle on the roads and also an old Remington single shot what is known as a "40-70" or an old buffalo gun, which will be an addition to the Bureau's collection. It was stuffed in an inner tube and very well protected. There was also a half gallon container of ammunition for this gun. All of this material is being sent to the Bureau tonight. He said there were also about five or six sets of different kinds of license plates, all being 1935 ones, which are not being sent to the Bureau with the above-mentioned articles.

Respectfully,

P. E. Foxworth.

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E J CONNELLEY  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1448 STANDARD BUILDING  
CLEVELAND OHIO

BREKID RANGER MAC CORMICK NOW SENIOR CAPTAIN AT AUSTIN INTERVIEWED BY SAC JONES  
OF SAN ANTONIO DENIES DOG INCIDENT STOP ASCERTAIN NAME OF BROTHER OF GRACE  
GOLDSTEIN AND HIS ADDRESS

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SAC DALLAS  
SAN ANTONIO

PHONE. BREAKID. CONTACT TEXAS RANGER MCCORMICK ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF  
RANGERS WHO WERE WITH HIM AT WARGAY, SAN AUGUSTINE, TEXAS IN OCTOBER  
OR NOVEMBER, 1935, AS IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ONE OF RANGERS UNDER CAPTAIN  
MCCORMICK WAS ONE ATTACKED BY DOG. DESIRABLE TO INTERVIEW RANGERS  
DISCREETLY.

MacFARLAND

CC - Bureau  
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Post Office Box 2113  
Detroit - Michigan  
April 8, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

On April 1, 1936, Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland of the Cleveland Office advised the Detroit Bureau Office by telephone that Fred Hunter, present associate of Alvin Karpis, might seek employment in Detroit, Michigan, as a stick man from either "Lefty" Clark or Fitzpatrick.

Inspector Snell, Vice Squad, Detroit Police Department, contacted a confidential informant of his office and this party advised that "Lefty" Clark, who usually goes under the name of Harry Bishoff, is presently operating a gambling establishment in Cincinnati, Ohio.

It is requested that appropriate investigation be conducted to ascertain if "Lefty" Clark alias Harry Bishoff is engaged in gambling activities in Cincinnati, as Fred Hunter may seek employment as a stick man in the dice game from "Lefty" Clark.

Very truly yours,

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cc-Bureau ✓  
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H. H. Heinicke  
Special Agent in Charge

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607 U. S. Court House  
Foley Square  
New York, N.Y.

April 9, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
El Paso, Texas

RE: WILLIAM ELMER MEAD with aliases,  
I. O. 1354. ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of  
your letter dated March 30, 1936 in the Bre-  
kid Case, in which you furnished information  
pertaining to Thomas J. O'Dell.

This office wishes to advise  
you that it is in receipt of a report of  
Special Agent E. F. Fitzsimons, dated at  
Jacksonville, Fla., March 19, 1936, in which  
the results of an interview with Thomas J.  
O'Dell by Special Agent C. B. Winstead on  
March 10, 1936 at Daytona Beach, Fla., are  
set forth. O'Dell was interviewed by Agent  
Winstead with reference to the location of  
William Elmer Mead.

These facts are being fur-  
nished to you for your information.

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Very truly yours,

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R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Schilder  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Tracy  
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DIRECTOR

PHONE. HANAP AND BREKID. AFTER DISCUSSION GENERAL SITUATION LOS ANGELES WITH  
HANSON IT WAS APPARENT FITZGERALD MIGHT BE WITH MRS ROBERTSON AT SOME UNKNOWN  
LOCATION OVER WEEK END AND THAT MRS ROBERTSON WAS TO BE OFF WORK COMING WEEK WHICH  
MIGHT MAKE FITZGERALD UNAVAILABLE WHEN DESIRED MONDAY NEXT THEREFORE DECIDED TO  
PICK HIM UP WHICH WAS SUCCESSFULLY ACCOMPLISHED BY SAC HANSON TONIGHT AND HE WILL  
BE SECRETLY HELD FOR TIME BEING ALREADY HAVING SIGNED A WAIVER.

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Washington Field Office, Rm. 5252,  
Washington, D.C.

April 9, 1936.

Mr. Walter L. Barlow,  
Special Assistant to the Attorney General,  
Room 2316 Department of Justice Building,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

I am returning to you herewith your copies  
of Indictments numbers 4603 and 4609 which were returned  
by the Federal Grand Jury sitting at Jacksonville, Florida  
on February 7, 1935.

Thanking you kindly for having loaned these  
copies of the indictments to me, I remain

Very truly yours,

K. R. MCINTIRE

KRM:MBL

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*Edward O. Brainerd*

DEIGHT BRANTLEY  
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OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA

BREKID UNABLE TO REACH CONNELLEY THIS MORNING BY PHONE BUT HAVE FURNISHED  
SUBSTANCE OF MY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH YOU TO MACFARLAND CLEVELAND WHO  
WILL RELAY IT TO CONNELLEY

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**E J Connelley**  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
US Dept of Justice  
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Cleveland Ohio

Break Mrs Dortha Kirkpatrick sister of Connie Morris states correct maiden name Connie is Ruth ~~Hamm~~ former wife Melvin Robison farm laborer Frederick Okla stop Last heard from Connie by letter March nineteen last when Connie at two three three and one half Central Avenue Hot Springs stop Connie's father John L ~~Hamm~~ is plumber Davidson Okla stop Reference your teletype Dallas today Texas Ranger Captain McCormick states has no recollection incident mentioned San Augustine County and has not seen a black great Dane dog for several years stop Dallas advised

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*Edward G. Jones*

*B*

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
722 Midland Savings Bldg.  
Denver, Colo.  
April 7, 1936

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: WILLIAM ELMER MEAD with  
aliases, I.O.#1354  
ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE  
(Part of Brekid file)

Reference is made to Bureau letter addressed to Mr. J. J. Ansell, Sheriff of Fremont County, Lander, Wyoming, dated April 3, 1936, copy of which was furnished this office. Attached to this letter was a letter addressed to the Bureau from Undersheriff H. W. DeWolf, Lander, Wyoming, dated March 16, 1936, as follows:

"Identification order NO. 1354 of William Elmer Mead received and I am writing to say that this man was known around here about a year ago following the gambling game. And was in Casper Wyo in partners with a man by the name of Roy Williams in the gambling game early this last winter. I think this Williams is still in Casper but do not know about Mead. Hope this will give some lead on this case".

Concerning the letter addressed to the Bureau by Undersheriff DeWolf, reference is made to the report of Special Agent B. L. Damron, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated February 8, 1936, which records interview with Roy Williamson, who is presently living at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, and who was in Casper, Wyoming, during the Fall of 1934. This Roy Williamson is undoubtedly identical with the Roy Williams referred to in Mr. DeWolf's letter. The report of Special Agent Damron recording interview with Roy Williamson shows that Williamson, although acquainted with Mead, has little or no information which would indicate Mead's possible present whereabouts.

Reference is further made to the report of Special Agent L. G. Healey, Denver, Colorado, dated March

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18, 1936, also referred to Roy "Wrinkles" Williamson, who formerly resided in Casper and Riverton, Wyoming, and who is well known to law enforcement officials in that vicinity.

It is believed that Undersheriff H. W. DeWolf is probably in error in believing that William Elmer Mead may still be in Casper, Wyoming. It will be noted from his letter that he advises he believes Roy Williams (should be Williamson) is presently in Casper. The report of reference of Agent Damron, however, discloses he is presently residing in Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

In view of the information furnished by Undersheriff De Wolf, interview will be had with him in the near future when an Agent is next at Lander, Wyoming. It is also suggested that the Little Rock Office again interview Roy Williamson for whatever further information he may have concerning Mead.

Very truly yours,



R. D. BROWN  
Special Agent in Charge

RDB:RM  
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cc Little Rock  
Chicago

P. O. Box 536  
Los Angeles, California  
April 6, 1936

Mr. Henry B. R. Briggs  
Postmaster  
Los Angeles, California

BREKID.

Re: L. A. FILE 7-42

Dear Sir:

I have your letter dated March 24, 1936, regarding the mail covers placed by this office on J. C. FOSTER, 512 South Hobart Boulevard, and MARTHA JEAN ROBERTSON, 527 South Hobart Boulevard, Los Angeles.

Your kindness in furnishing the information that MARTHA JEAN ROBERTSON is in Ashtabula, Ohio, and that mail addressed to her is received by her mother, is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

TEB:AB

CC Bureau

J. H. HANSON  
Special Agent in Charge

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232 Uptown Station and Federal Courts Building  
ST. PAUL, MINN.

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DIRECTOR AND SAC CONNELLEY AT CLEVELAND

PHONE. BREKID. HANEP. FITZGERALD ADMITS KNOWING FRED, DOC, KATE BARKER, JACK

AND VI PFEIFFER, BOLTON. CLAIMS TO KNOW TOM BROWN BY REPUTATION ONLY. DENIES

KNOWING GOETZ, OKARFIS, VOLNEY DAVIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, ADMITS KNOWING GLADYS SAWYER

FOR YEARS AND THROUGH HER IN SUMMER 1934 AT 42ND AND BROADWAY BAR IN TOLEDO, OHIO

MET DELORES DELANEY, MINA MURRAY, POSSIBLY PAULA HARMON. CLAIMS MET BOLTON IN

CICERO, ILLINOIS, IN SUMMER 1933 THROUGH MUTUAL FRIENDS NAMES WHOM REFUSES REVEAL

CLAIMS LAST SAW BOLTON THERE LATE IN SUMMER 1933. DENIES EVER HAVING BEEN LONG

LAKE, ILLINOIS OR ~~HE~~ BALD EAGLE LAKE, MINN. CLAIMS LAST SAW JACK AND VI PFEIFFER

ABOUT SUMMER 1932 HOLLYHOCKS INN, ST. PAUL. CLAIMS NEVER BEEN BENSONVILLE. DENIES

KNOWING BARTHOLOMEY. DISCONTINUED TAP FITZGERALD PHONE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN APARTMENT

LAST NIGHT, AND TODAY MRS. ROBERTSON IN VICTORIA APARTMENTS HAD HER TELEPHONE DIS-

CONTINUED, SO TAP DISCONTINUED THERE, ALTHOUGH AM LEAVING AGENT IN OUR APARTMENT

VICTORIA APARTMENTS FOR BALANCE OF DAY TO OBSERVE DEVELOPMENTS.

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Mr. Hoover

Denegri, the man that harbored Baby Face Nelson  
is now harboring Karpis, Mahan, he is seen going back and  
forth from a cabin in the Santa Cruz Mts. daily. Karpis was  
seen driving a sedan to Los Gatos his head covered with a  
shawl Mahan wears a soft cow-boy hat, his scar is plainly  
seen. Often stops at Holy City for gas.



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April 22, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Portland, Oregon.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith photostatic  
copies of an undated anonymous communication, postmarked  
at Los Gatos, California, April 9, 1936, received at  
the Bureau on April 10, 1936, concerning the possible  
location of Alvin Karpis and William Dainard.

It is requested that you conduct the investi-  
gation suggested in this communication.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #1134058  
cc Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago

(Enc photostatic copies of  
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Los Angeles, Calif.  
April 4th, 1936.

Mr. Henry B. R. [unclear]  
Postmaster  
Los Angeles, California.

BREKID

Dear Sir:

Re: L. A. File 7-42

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 27, 1936, advising of a letter received by Mrs. J. R. Huntman, 589 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles.

Please be advised that your kindness in writing me regarding this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-24

REPORT MADE AT: Portland, Oregon	DATE WHEN MADE: 4-6-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-24, 28-36	REPORT MADE BY: W. C. Ryan
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, WA - Fugitive I. O. 1218 DR. JOSEPH B. MORAN, WA - Fugitive I. O. 1232 HARRY CAMPBELL, WA - Fugitive - I. O. 1236 ET AL GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIRE ARMS ACT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>No record of Joe Franklin, correspondent of Dorothy Fisher, having resided at or receiving mail at the Earl Hotel, Seattle, Washington. [REDACTED] requested to furnish any information they might have as to William Elmer Mead, and to be on the alert for his possible appearance [REDACTED]</p> <p>REFERENCES: Report of Special Agent T. E. Billings, Los Angeles, California, dated 3-12-36; letter of the Chicago Bureau Office dated 3-12-36.</p> <p>DETAILS: Investigation was conducted at the Earl Hotel, Seattle, Washington, on 3-28-36, by Special Agent W. K. Bowling, relative to Joe Franklin who is listed on page 3 of the reference report of Agent Billings as a correspondent of Dorothy Fisher, wife of Leon Felix, alias Leon Howard. Agent Bowling has been a resident of the Hotel Earl for several years and has no recollection of any one by the name of Joe Franklin having resided there during the period of his, Agent Bowling's residence. The register of the Hotel Earl was personally examined by Special Agent Bowling from July 1, 1935, to [REDACTED]</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W. C. Ryan</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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the present date and the name of Joe Franklin was not located thereon as having been a guest of this hotel during this period.

Inquiry was also made by Agent Bowling of the Manager, and numerous employees, but none of them could recall any one by the name of Joe Franklin having received mail, or to have been a guest at this Hotel at any time. b7c b7d

Pursuant to the request contained in the reference letter from the Chicago Bureau Office, a letter was directed under date of March 24, 1936, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] enclosing a copy of Identification Order number 1354 on William Elmer Mead, and also a description of Kate Mead, his wife, requesting that this office be advised whether Mead is known to any members of the Police Department in that city, and also requesting that the Department be on the alert for the possible appearance of Mead [REDACTED]

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE PORTLAND BUREAU OFFICE, will report any information secured as a result of [REDACTED] and will conduct investigation there if such information warrants.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-43

REPORT MADE AT <b>CINCINNATI, OHIO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4-9-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4-3-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. S. JOHNSON</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>SLB</b></span>
<b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. #1236; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING: HARBORING OF FUGITIVES: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE: NAT'L FIREARMS ACT</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: *Meade* Meade not identified at Mose Goldblatt's place in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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REFERENCE:-

Report of Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimmons, Jacksonville, Florida, dated 3-19-36.

DETAILS:-

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

Agent called at Mose Goldblatt's place, located at 22 Opera Place, Cincinnati, Ohio and contacted Mose Goldblatt. He appeared to be very cooperative, but stated that he did not know H. E. Sullivan, otherwise known as "Sully". He called one of his associates, Mr. Bowers, who likewise did not know this man. Finally, the dealer in the card game, who is known as Louie, was called in. Louie stated that he knows Sullivan, and that he goes under the name of "Sully". Louie further stated that Sullivan is a World War veteran and that he used to play at Goldblatt's but that Louie had not seen him for about three weeks. Agent, thereupon exhibited the photograph of Meade to Goldblatt, Bowers and Louie and all stated that they had not seen this person before. Agent, thereupon accompanied Mr. Bowers into the card room and viewed the players, none of whom answered the description or appearance of Meade.

Another gambler by the name of Abe Arnovitz, known to the Cincinnati Bureau Office, was also shown the photograph of Meade, but was unable to make an identification.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio.

St. L. FILE NO. 7-43

REPORT MADE AT <b>St. Louis, Missouri.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4-8-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/20-24, 26, 30 4/2/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. S. BUSH</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218 DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; etal; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER--VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>Kidnaping; Harboring of fugitives; Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Harry Campbell apparently not frequenting health resorts in St. Louis district and investigation at Bland, Mo. does not indicate Karpis or Campbell stopping at that town. Fairmount Jockey Mutuel Stand, Collinsville, Ill., only open for approximately one month during fall of year. John Russell (Babs) Moran presently resides St. Louis, and is body-guard for one John Nick. Tracings on mail of Mrs. Edith Kistler, Outlook Sanitarium, Urbana, Ill., and Mrs. Margaret Mallon, Peoria, Ill., forwarded to Cincinnati Office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>References: Report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cincinnati, 2-13-36. Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Chicago, 2-8-36. Letter from Chicago Office to Bureau, 3-10-36. Report of Special Agent T. S. Ferguson, St. Louis, 3-26-36.</p> <p>Details: The letter of reference requested that investigation be conducted at all health resorts commonly known as mineral wells, sulphur springs, etc., in an effort to apprehend Harry Campbell. It was ascertained that the only places of this type located in the St. Louis district are the Washington Bath House and the Original Springs Bath House, both of which are situated at Okawville, Ill.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>At Okawville, Illinois</u></p> <p>Special Agent H. G. Maynor interviewed W. G. Frank, manager of the Washington Bath House, Thomas H. Rogers, Manager of the Original Springs Bath House, Postmaster F. H. Morgan and City Marshal August Toensing, all of whom advised that they had never seen any one resembling Karpis or Campbell. Identification Orders on Karpis and Campbell were left with each of these individuals, who stated they would</p>			
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communicate with this office immediately upon receipt of any information regarding Karpis or Campbell.

At St. Louis, Missouri

The first report of reference reflects four telephone calls made from telephones Michigan 6735 and Michigan 6736, located at the Harvard Club, Cleveland, Ohio, to telephone 507, listed in the name of the Fairmount Jockey Club, which is located on Highway #40, between E. St. Louis and Collinsville, Ill. These calls were made during the months of September and October, 1935.

It was ascertained through Mr. H. O. Nouse, Special Agent for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., St. Louis, Mo., that telephone number 507, Collinsville, Ill., in the name of Fairmount Jockey Mutuel Stand, was connected on 9-18-35 and disconnected on 10-22-35. The Fairmount Jockey Club is operated by Mr. Lyman T. Hay, manager of the Jefferson Hotel, one of the largest hotels in St. Louis, and this race track is in operation only for a period of approximately one month during the fall of the year. It was suggested by Mr. Nouse that the name of the person called at Collinsville, Ill., number 507, and the name of the person who placed the call at Cleveland could probably be procured at the office of the telephone company at Cleveland. In this connection, he explained that the office where the call originates is the only office which has such information regarding person to person calls.

It is stated on page forty-three of the second report of reference that John Russell (Babs) Moran, according to Volney Davis, was an associate of the Barker-Karpis gang; that Moran had in the past resided in St. Louis and Chicago; however, direct relationship between Moran and the individuals in this case had not been established by the Bureau.

J. F. Schroeder, 2705 Wyoming St., an unemployed stage hand and a member of St. Louis Local #6, of the International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employees and Motion Picture Operators of the United States and Canada, located at Eighth and Market Streets, St. Louis, who had been interviewed in the past regarding the activities of Moran, was interviewed by agent on 3-24-36. Schroeder claims to have been aggrieved owing to the fact that Moran and others connected with the Union had given his job to some one else; however, he stated that he is still a member of the Union and cannot be expelled. He stated that one John Nick, of St. Louis, is business manager for St. Louis Local #6, and first vice-president of the international association; that Moran and one Dan O'Connell, a motion picture operator presently employed at the Grand Opera House, St. Louis, are body-guards for Nick, and that Moran also acts as Nick's chauffeur, driving a 1934 model, green, seven-passenger, Buick sedan for Nick. Moran lives with John Doherty, a Champagne Velvet Beer salesman, who resides somewhere in north St. Louis, exact address unknown, and also acts as body-guard for Nick. Schroeder stated that George E. Browne, of Chicago, is president of the international organization of the aforementioned association, and that Harry Bilbo, a Chicago hoodlum, who is Browne's



body-guard; is frequently in St. Louis, visiting Local #8. He further stated that Moran, Nick and others from St. Louis attended a convention of the association at Miami, Florida for approximately four weeks during January, 1936, where they presumably were disposing of cases which had come up, and that the annual convention will be held at Kansas City from June 6th to 11th, 1936. He stated that the Kansas City convention will probably be held at the Municipal Auditorium and will be attended by all the leading racketeers in this country and Canada.

Schroeder had previously been contacted by this office in an effort to ascertain whether Harrison, Karpis, Campbell and others involved in instant case had been harbored by Moran and his associates. Schroeder stated, upon the last interview, that, although he has not observed any of these individuals in the company of persons at St. Louis Local #8, it is known that the officers of the association are racketeers and will harbor criminals for a price. Schroeder advised agent that he would continue to observe the associates of Nick and Moran and endeavor to ascertain the St. Louis address of Moran and Doherty.

A review of the file reflects that members of the Barker-Karpis gang have frequented in the past West Plains, Mo., as well as several other towns in southern and central Missouri; however, the only town mentioned, which is located in the district covered by the St. Louis office is Bland, Missouri. Reference to the letter directed to the Bureau by the Omaha office, dated 8-10-34 reveals that one Homer Fanning, a prisoner at the State Reformatory, Anamosa, Iowa, furnished information regarding Floyd Williams and his family, alleged dope peddlers, residing at Bland, Mo., who, according to Fanning, were contacts of Karpis, who was known to Fanning as Dan Murphy.

#### At Bland, Missouri

Postmaster Edgar W. Stone advised agent that he had known Floyd Williams, who is a native of that town, for a number of years, and that the latter, who served a short time in the army during the World War claims to be in bad health and has never worked, to Mr. Stone's knowledge; that Williams resides with his wife and brother-in-law, Bill Biles, in a small bungalow near the school and his father, Nate Williams, resides on a farm, three-fourths of a mile west of town, on the highway, but that no one lives with Nate Williams other than his wife. He stated that Floyd is an expert at cards and dice, is supposed to deal in liquor and peddles small antiques and trinkets; that he has three small children, and his wife has recently done sewing for the county relief agency under the supervision of Mrs. May D. Crowder of Owensville, Mo. Mr. Stone stated that Mrs. Crowder could furnish complete information regarding the family. Photographs of Karpis, Campbell and other Bureau fugitives were exhibited to Mr. Stone and to R. C. Jett and Jessie Jett, Rural mail carriers; however, they had never seen anyone resembling these individuals. It was ascertained that the other house referred to by Fanning was that occupied by Dr. B. M. Baker, located on the highway, west of Bland. Dr. Baker has no office in town and it was subsequently ascertained from Mrs. Crowder that

very little is known regarding his practice and that he possibly deals in narcotics.

At Owensville, Missouri

Mrs. Crowder was interviewed and advised agent that Williams and his family reside in a small white bungalow, one and one-half blocks east of the school in Bland, and one block south of the highway; that he has not worked since the year 1926, when he operated a pool hall at Bland, and that, although his wife sought a job through the relief agency during the past year, it was only for a "blind" and after working for a short time she quit, owing to the fact that her husband needed her at home to help take care of the bootleg business. In this connection, Mrs. Crowder stated it is a well known fact that both Williams and his wife are drug addicts and deal in bootleg liquor and narcotics; that she, Mrs. Crowder, and other persons have reported the matter to local officials in an effort to have Williams and his wife sent to the penitentiary, so that their three small daughters could be taken care of by the county, but that the county officials are unreliable and J. W. Garvin, the town marshal, at Bland, is a bootlegger himself; therefore, no one will take any action against Williams; that Nate Williams is also a bootlegger and the liquor which is disposed of by Floyd Williams is obtained at the Nate Williams farm. Mrs. Crowder, who has a wide acquaintance in Gasconade County, where Bland is situated, and in which county she is senior visitor in connection with the welfare work, described Bland as "the rottenest hole on earth", adding that virtually everybody in Bland is engaged in criminal activity of some type. Mrs. Crowder, who had visited the Floyd Williams home on two or three occasions in connection with relief work, stated she had never seen any one in the vicinity resembling persons involved in this case; however, that numerous cars are seen at that house during the night, and that criminals undoubtedly visit Bland from all sections of the State. She stated that Mrs. Franklin Rapier, a woman who resides across the street from the Williams and who is receiving relief from the county, but who is thoroughly reliable, has been befriended by her, Mrs. Crowder, on a number of occasions, and would be glad to work with her in an effort to ascertain the identity of persons and the ownership of automobiles visiting the Williams house at night; therefore, identification orders on Karpis, Campbell and several other Bureau fugitives have been sent to Mrs. Crowder to be delivered to Mr. Rapier. Mrs. Crowder stated she deemed it inadvisable for agent to interview Mrs. Rapier or make inquiry of any one in the vicinity of the Williams home, owing to the character of the neighborhood. She requested that agent report the violations of the narcotic and liquor laws to the proper authorities after the completion of the investigation at Bland.

Bland, Mo., which is a town of approximately 700 population, is situated on the western border of the district covered by the St. Louis office, and Osage City, Mo., which is in the district covered by the Kansas City office, is situated between Bland, Mo., and Jefferson City, Mo. With reference to Osage City, Mo., it should be noted that one Frank Howard, of St. Louis, Mo., who has been an informant for the Narcotic Bureau at St. Louis for approximately two years, recently advised Special Agent V. D. Carvey, of this office, in connection with the Luer Kidnaping case, that virtually all criminals travelling between St. Louis, Kansas City and Chicago, stop at Osage City, Mo.; however, Howard did not claim to have information

to the effect that any of the fugitives sought by the Bureau have stopped at Osage City.

In accordance with the suggestions contained in letter from the Chicago office, dated 2-19-36, the John Klutas and Jodil files were reviewed, and it was ascertained that the following persons were contacted in connection with those cases in the vicinity of Peoria and Havana, Ill.; Illinois State Police Officer Ben Harter, Canton, Ill.; James Bainter, Lewistown, Ill.; Deputy Sheriff C. C. Preckett, Lewistown, Ill.; Fred Grimson, manager, Pascal Hotel, Peoria, Ill.; W. E. Wolf, Special Agent, C. B. & Q. Ry., Galesburg, Ill.; George Pfeiffer, formerly employed by the J. W. Bushell Roofing Co., 1700 S. Washington St., Peoria, Ill.; Pfeiffer was Klutas' wife's first husband; A. W. Wheeler, prohibition agent, Peoria, Ill.; Karl Barnewalt, 912 Peoria Life Bldg., Peoria, Ill.; Clyde Garrison, 311 Fulton St., Peoria, Ill.; Leo H. Borgelt, former postmaster at Havana, Ill. The following persons and places were contacts for Klutas: Gale Murray, underworld character, who operated a pool room at the Hotel Harvey, 3101 S. Adams St., Peoria, Ill.; John Waters, alias Co-About-Riley, and James Meyers, both of Peoria, Ill.; A roadhouse operated by John Decker, friend of Klutas, near Chillicothe, Ill.; Dave Avery and Dan Avery, friends of Klutas, who operated the Johnson Boat Club near Snicarte, Ill.; Windsor Hotel, Havana, Ill. This information was furnished to Special Agent D. S. Hostetter, resident agent at Peoria, Ill., who is conducting the investigation in that district.

In connection with the reference report of Special Agent T. S. Ferguson, the following mail tracings received from the postmaster at Urbana, Ill., on mail received by Mrs. Edith Kistler, are being forwarded to the office of origin attached to its copies of this report: Letter bearing return address 615 W. 9th St., Tulsa, Oklahoma; letter bearing return address 829 N. Mercer St., Decatur, Illinois; letter bearing return address Wabash Hospital, Peru, Indiana; letter bearing return address which appears to be V. L. Barry or Baroy, 4224 University St., Tucson, Arizona; letter bearing return address Pierson, 100 Womans Bldg., University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill. The following information was furnished regarding outgoing mail forwarded by Mrs. Edith Kistler: A letter was sent by Mrs. Kistler to Mrs. E. L. Woolsey, 615 W. Ninth St., Tulsa, Okla., and another was sent to Mrs. Viola Kintner, 2129 N. Edward St., Decatur, Ill. It is observed in the letter to the Chicago office from the Oklahoma City office, dated 2-18-36, that Mrs. Woolsey, of Tulsa, Okla., has been contacted by agents from the Oklahoma City office.

The following tracing from a letter addressed to Mrs. Margaret Mallon, 516½ N. Adams St., Peoria, Ill., bearing return address M. Lyons, Box 141, Hawkins, Wisconsin, is also being transmitted to the office of origin with copies of this report.

#### Undeveloped Leads

Each office receiving copies of this report will conduct appropriate investigation in its district to ascertain the identity, character and occupation of persons corresponding with Mrs. Edith Kistler, Outlook Sanitarium, Urbana, Ill., and Mrs. Margaret Mallon, 516½ N. Adams St., Peoria, Ill.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE: At Osage City, Missouri: It is suggested that appropriate investigation be conducted to ascertain whether persons sought in connection with the instant case are frequenting this town.

ST. LOUIS OFFICE: At Owensville and Bland, Missouri: Will continue the investigation, interviewing Mrs. May D. Crowder.

At St. Louis, Missouri: Will ascertain the address of John Doherty and John Russell (Babs) Moran to determine whether persons involved in the instant case are contacting or residing with these individuals.

P E N D I N G



P. O. Box #1525  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

April 9, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to our telephone conversation on the night of April 7, 1936 in which you informed that ARONIZ or NEGLEMAN, with aliases, an inmate of the Northeastern Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, had written to Postoffice Inspectors offering valuable information concerning the whereabouts of Karpis and Campbell in exchange for a reward.

Inasmuch as Special Agent L. S. Taylor of this office is acquainted with Negleman, I directed Mr. Taylor to proceed immediately to Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, at which place he interviewed Negleman on April 8, 1936.

It was ascertained that Negleman was received at the Northeastern Penitentiary on March 30, 1936 from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to undergo a sentence of seventeen months imprisonment for violation of the Internal Revenue laws; that Negleman, to date, has had no visitors.

Negleman was not questioned directly about the letter he wrote to the Postoffice Inspectors, however, he stated positively that he has no direct or tangible information concerning the whereabouts of Karpis or Campbell but that he confidently believes that if given his liberty he would be able to locate them through one ED. SIAMAN of Canton and Toledo, Ohio, with whom both individuals have associated.

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Negleman had very little information to offer concerning his alleged associations with HILTON LETT, KARPIS, CAMPBELL, and others, in addition to that previously furnished agents of this Bureau, and set forth in the reports of Special Agents H. J. Ryan, Cleveland, Ohio, dated February 17, 1936, and L. G. Taylor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, dated March 5, 1936.

His previous stories were gone over again with him in detail and except for the fact that he now claims he last saw Harry Campbell and CHITTY on the street in Youngstown, Ohio, during December, 1935, and that it was only four or five months ago that Lett and Karpis came to his restaurant at Webster, Pennsylvania, his stories do not materially differ from those previously related.

Negleman furnished the following description of Ed. Seaman:

Age:	32-43 years
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	210-230 pounds
Build:	Heavy
Complexion:	Light
Hair:	Chestnut
Eyes:	Brown
Face:	Clean shaven - bulldog type
	Does not wear glasses

He could not furnish a better description of the rooming house in Toledo, Ohio, where Seaman allegedly resides, and where he allegedly was introduced by Seaman to Harry Campbell several months ago. A map of the city of Toledo was exhibited to him but after examining it for some time he was still unable to approximate the location of the said rooming house. He further informed, in this connection, however, that the man who was keeping company with the daughter of the manager of the said rooming house, had escaped from the Ohio State Penitentiary a short time before the fire, and during the escape had killed a guard. He described this man as follows:

Age:	33 years
Height:	5' 5 or 7"
Weight:	180 pounds
Build:	Heavy
Hair:	Chestnut, very gray all over
Eyes:	Unknown
Face:	Smooth shaven, round type
	Does not wear glasses.

Negleman insisted that he could find the rooming house above mentioned within an hour's time if given an opportunity to do so.

Negleman furnished the following description of Karpis, whom he stated he had seen on just one occasion when Karpis, and Lett came to his restaurant in Webster, Pennsylvania:

Age:	25-27 years
Height:	6' 1"
Weight:	180-190 pounds
Build:	Medium
Eyes:	Unknown
Hair:	Chestnut or dark
Face:	Smooth shaven, thin type
Attire:	No rings. White gold square wrist watch with white gold strap. Blue serge suit, dark gray snap brim hat.

While Negleman was furnishing the above description he was asked if he had ever heard of Karpis having any pets. After thinking a moment, he asked, "He doesn't have a black Dane dog, does he?" He then remarked that during July or August, 1935, he, Negleman, had purchased a black Great Dane dog from Cliff Hall in Youngstown, giving Hall a diamond ring of white gold mounting, containing a karat and a quarter stone for this dog; that Hall had previously purchased the dog from a woman who lives on the outskirts of Youngstown. Negleman stated he took this dog to his home in Webster, Pennsylvania, where he kept it for several weeks; that he called the dog "Dusky"; that he trained it to sit in a chair and to remain in his automobile when the car was parked on the streets. He further informed that several weeks after

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he had obtained the dog from Hall, the latter, accompanied by Ed. Seaman, and another individual, who was unknown to him, came to his restaurant at Webster, Pennsylvania, and that Hall asked for the dog, stating that his wife wanted it very much. He stated he permitted Hall to take the dog back to Youngstown, and that Hall subsequently returned the diamond ring to him. He stated that the dog would be about eleven months old at the present time; that it had cropped ears; that Hall had pedigree papers on the dog which were registered some place in the State of Ohio.

Negleman also stated that at the time he saw Karpis, the latter was wearing dark blue sun glasses; that he noticed a pair of green sun glasses and a pair of white glasses of cheap make, in the dash compartment of the car Karpis and Lett were driving, which was a 1934 black Ford Coupe. He could not recall the shape of the lenses of the white glasses. He also stated that he noticed a brown leather brief case in the car, above mentioned. He stated it was quite large and was not of the zipper type.

Negleman appeared to be very cooperative and it is believed that he has related all information in his possession concerning his alleged association with individuals involved in this case. Inasmuch as this office is not in possession of detailed information concerning the investigation previously conducted in the Cleveland territory, I am unable to state as to the authenticity of the information furnished by Negleman.

This office has been and will continue to check in this territory information which has been furnished by Negleman.

Very truly yours,

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Chicago.

R. L. SHIVERS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

April 8, 1936  
J. E. Hoover.

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Dear Sirs:

I suppose you recieved a quiet a few tips, about different men, wanted by the department of Justice. So I think I can tell you where "Alvin Karpis" is, I'm almost sure of it anyway. If it isn't him it is his twin brother.

He compares to a T in a Detective book line up, Although on his right hand he has three fingers missing at the first joint. As it looks to me in my glances at him, as they have been shot off and I do not believe a doctor has treated them as the bone projects out from the flesh. I have a lot of convadence in myself believing thats him. So I would like to hear from you.

I wish you could send a man here and look me up somebody that new him or saw him before or no's anything about him, or could you wise me in any way what to do about it as I'm almost positive it is him.

I have said nothing to the local police and will say nothing till I hear from you. I for myself I am 26 yrs. of age and lived in Polo all my life, married and have two children, at present I am working on the P.W.A. so if you send a man let me know, have him dress as a farmer as this town is made up of retired farmers.

I have to be careful as he is a very close neighbor of mine so Mr. Hoover let me hear from you at once if I under stood prints I could send them to you then I would no for sure.

So I will wait for further details from you. Sent you a letter yesterday so will send this special Del.

Mr. Hoover, now as for my own pertection & family, could you give me a job of "Government Agent" temporary for now. By the way he goes by the name of "Earl Hicks" here in Polo.

He looks exactly like is picture I am sending you.

Yours very truly,

Mr. Clifford G. Powell  
305 Green St.  
Box 214  
Polo, Ill.

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P.S. You are the only one I mentioned this to.

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April 17, 1936.

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Mr. Clifford G. Powell,  
Box 214,  
305 Green Street,  
Polo, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I have your letters of April 7 and 8, 1936, requesting a photograph of Alvin Karpis. For your information, there is transmitted herewith a copy of the best available photograph of this individual.

I note you have under observation a person who you believe is identical with Karpis. In accordance with your request, I am instructing Mr. D. M. Ladd, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers' Building, Chicago, Illinois, to have an Agent call upon you in the near future with reference to this matter.

In connection with your desire to secure a position as Special Agent in this Bureau, there is enclosed herewith a statement concerning this position. This Bureau does not employ persons for temporary periods. There are no vacancies in this service at the present time and, due to the condition of the appropriation, no further appointments will be made for some time to come.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Encl. 826083.

CC Chicago (with copies of incoming letters)

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-24

REPORT MADE AT <b>Jacksonville, Florida</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4-8-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3-24, 29, 30, 31 &amp; 4-1, 2, 4-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>B. F. FITZSIMONS</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Location of Joe Roscoe not established at Palm Beach and West Palm Beach, Florida. Harry Stewart, West Palm Beach, possessed of information indicating that Karpis presented Mrs. Joe Adams with a silver cocktail set for Christmas, 1934, but declines to divulge source of information without consent of his informant, an alleged prominent attorney of Miami. Therese Carmichael, Miami, Florida, claims she did not observe the individual who accompanied Cassius McDonald on his visit to Karpis in Miami on Christmas Day, 1934, but is convinced it was a woman, because of the voice she overheard. Miss Marcella Sadler, clerk, Dade County Tax Collector's Office, Miami, Florida, identifies her handwriting on certificate of title application dated at Miami, 11-5-34, on the occasion when Karpis, as Charles M. Larson, transferred title to his Ford Coupe to Duke Randall. Miss Irma Robbins, Notary Public, identifies her signature and admits having notarized the application for title and the transfer of title certificate on that occasion, but neither Miss Sadler nor Miss Robbins recalls the details of the transaction or the identities of the parties thereto. Further interviews with bell boys and others regarding newspapers and radio supplied subjects at El Comodoro Hotel does not particularly involve Joe Adams.</p>			
<p><b>COPIES DESTROYED</b> <b>11 MAR 23 1963</b></p>		<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. B. Nathan - R.B.O.</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p>	
<p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</p> <p>3 - Bureau 2 - Cincinnati 2 - Chicago 2 - Cleveland 2 - St. Paul 2 - Jacksonville</p>		<p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; text-align: center;">7-576-10475</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>APR 10 A.M.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>APR 11 1936</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>APR 15 1936</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>ONE R.O.</i></p>	

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REFERENCES:

Letters to Jacksonville Office, dated Cleveland, Ohio, 3-2-36 and 3-23-36; Bureau letters to Jacksonville Office, dated 3-26-36 and 4-2-36; Bureau letter to SAC E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, dated 3-27-36; Bureau teletype to Jacksonville Office, dated 4-1-36; Letter from St. Paul Office, dated 3-6-36; Report of Special Agent Val C. Zimmer, Salt Lake City, 3-18-36, and Report of Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, Jacksonville, 3-30-36.

DETAILS:

AT WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA:

Appropriate and discreet inquiries were made at West Palm Beach and Palm Beach, Florida, consistent with the information furnished to the Jacksonville office in the letters of reference from the Cleveland Office concerning the alleged location of Joe Roscoe at Palm Beach, Florida, where he was said to be taking baths at a well known bath house where health baths are administered in an effort to overcome an infection Roscoe is said to have. There are no bath houses at Palm Beach or West Palm Beach which specialize in the treatment of disease or infection and the waters in the bath houses at Palm Beach are not conducive to healing since salt water exclusively is used and the bathing is done in the ocean. There are two bath houses at Palm Beach, the Lido Pools and the Lake Worth Casino, which offer sun-bath treatments and massage. Inquiry at both of these places disclosed that an individual of Roscoe's description is unknown. These bath houses are the only places at Palm Beach where one suffering from an infection might seek treatment which, as stated, would be in the nature of sun baths. The Lake Worth Casino is not in Palm Beach proper, but is located about five miles south, on the ocean front, and is considered a part of the town of Lake Worth. There are no bath houses or facilities for bathing at West Palm Beach.

Through inquiry of E. R. McKenna and O. B. Carr, postmasters, respectively, at Palm Beach and West Palm Beach, Florida, it was ascertained that Joe Roscoe has not registered a local or forwarding address under his true name or known alias and he is unknown to the General Delivery Clerks.

In compliance with the suggestion in the Bureau letter of reference of March 26, 1936, concerning the alleged gift to Mrs. Joe Adams of a silver cocktail set from Alvin Karpis for Christmas, 1934, appropriate interview was had with Mr. Harry Stewart, Jr., Attorney associated with the firm of Wideman, Wideman and Wardlow, 1401 Harvey Building, West Palm Beach, Florida. Mr. Stewart stated that several weeks ago, while on a visit to Miami, he had occasion to meet with several friends for a social visit.

During the course of the conversation on that occasion Mr. Stewart stated that he was advised by a prominent Miami attorney whose identity he declined to divulge at this time, that the attorney had learned in conversation with friends that Mrs. Joe Adams had exhibited to these friends a sterling silver cocktail set, consisting of a tray, a shaker and six silver cups, the tray having been engraved with her initials. On that occasion, according to Mr. Stewart's informant, Mrs. Adams informed her friends, in a rather boastful manner, that the cocktail set had been given to her by Alvin Karpis, and this incident is said to have occurred subsequent to the time Karpis and Campbell escaped a police trap at Atlantic City, New Jersey. Upon receipt of this information, Mr. Stewart stated that he communicated with the Bureau.

On the occasion of the interview with Mr. Stewart he stated that his informant had requested that his name not be divulged, but indicated to Stewart that in the event the Bureau desired further information he would consider an interview and would assist in verifying the information furnished to him. When informed that the Bureau is interested in determining the source of the information, Mr. Stewart stated that he contemplated a visit to Miami on Wednesday, April 1, 1936, when he would communicate with his informant and thereafter advise this agent. No attempt was made by Mr. Stewart to communicate with this agent, and on Thursday, April 2, 1936, communication was had with Mr. Stewart, by long distance telephone, at West Palm Beach, when he informed that he did not visit Miami as contemplated, but assured Agent that he would visit Miami on Saturday and Sunday, April 4 and 5, 1936, and he again promised to communicate with his informant and to immediately advise this agent. At the submission of this report, Mr. Stewart, has not attempted communication with this Agent. On the occasion of the interview with Mr. Stewart, he was furnished with the name and address of the local resident agent at Miami and with the address and telephone number of the Jacksonville Office. No attempt thus far has been made by Mr. Stewart to communicate with the local resident agent at Miami or the Jacksonville office. Further attempt will, of course, be made to ascertain the identity of Mr. Stewart's informant and to obtain detailed information concerning the alleged gift to Mrs. Adams.

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Reference is made to the Bureau letter of reference, dated March 27, 1936, addressed to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, on pages two and three of which, attention is invited to the conflicting statements of Dolores Delaney and Therese Carmichael, the latter



a domestic in the employ of Karpis during his stay in Miami, relative to the visit on Christmas Day, 1934, of an individual since identified as Cassius McDonald, to the Karpis home.

Therese Carmichael was accordingly reinterviewed and on this occasion she stated that at about two-o'clock on the afternoon of Christmas Day, 1934, just as she, Dolores Delaney and Karpis were seated at the table for their dinner, Karpis received a telephone call. Miss Carmichael claims that she does not recall the conversation, but remembers that Karpis evidently was talking to some one who had just arrived in town; that he gave the party on the other end directions as to how he could reach the Karpis home. Thereafter Karpis returned to the dining room and informed Miss Carmichael and Dolores Delaney that a couple were coming out to the house and he instructed that the dinner be held and that two additional places be set. Miss Carmichael claims that she and Dolores placed the dinner in the oven and both of them proceeded to prepare two extra salad dishes and arranged the table for two guests. Within a short time thereafter, approximately thirty minutes to the best of Miss Carmichael's recollection, an automobile drove into the driveway and Karpis went to the front door. Miss Carmichael, on this occasion, denied that she observed the automobile, but claims she heard it. Immediately, Dolores Delaney left the kitchen and Miss Carmichael remained there. Within a few minutes Karpis came into the kitchen accompanied by an individual now identified by her as McDonald. Karpis and McDonald had a drink of whiskey, which Karpis himself served, and he and McDonald engaged in some brief conversation, the nature of which Miss Carmichael claims not to know. While Karpis and McDonald were in the kitchen, Miss Carmichael claims that she heard Dolores Delaney conversing with another woman in the living room, but she overheard nothing of that conversation which she now recalls. Shortly thereafter Karpis and McDonald left the kitchen and went into the living room and within a few moments McDonald left after which Karpis, Dolores Delaney and Miss Carmichael had dinner. During the course of the dinner, Miss Carmichael claims that nothing was said by Karpis or Dolores to indicate to her the identity of the visitor and his companion or the purpose of their visit. However, she stated that she recalls that Dolores asked Karpis if his visitor had money and Miss Carmichael interpreted that to mean whether the visitor was wealthy. She denied that the question was put by Dolores to Karpis in such manner as to indicate to her that Dolores might have meant ransom money. She claimed not to recall the response Karpis made.

When previously interviewed in this connection, as indicated on page 10, of the report of Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, Jacksonville, Fla., dated April 4, 1935, Miss Carmichael stated that a man and woman drove alongside the Karpis home on Christmas Day, 1934, in a big new-looking automobile;



that the man came into the house alone, declining to have dinner with Karpis as his wife was sitting in the car and they had to return to the hotel. On a subsequent interview, as indicated in the report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, Jacksonville, Florida, dated April 23, 1935, on page 21, Miss Carmichael denied that she had seen the automobile that McDonald was driving nor did she notice the woman companion with him, but recalled that this woman and Mrs. Green (Dolores Delaney) sat on the front porch and talked while the visitor, undoubtedly McDonald was in the kitchen having a drink of whiskey with Karpis.

When questioned concerning these divergent statements, Miss Carmichael replied that she is positive that she did not see the automobile, but knew the visitor had come in an automobile, because she heard it drive into the driveway alongside the house and prior thereto, Karpis had instructed the visitor how to reach the house, apparently from downtown. She now claims that she did not see McDonald's companion, as previously stated, and does not know, from her observation, whether it was a man or woman, but presumes it was a woman, because she overheard a conversation, rather the voices of two women, one of which was Dolores Delaney, in the living-room, while Karpis and McDonald were having a drink in the kitchen. In this connection, Miss Carmichael stated that she does not recall having stated to Special Agent in Charge Hanson, on the occasion of his interview with her, that the woman (who accompanied McDonald) and Dolores Delaney sat on the front porch and talked. In explanation, Miss Carmichael stated that she was in the kitchen; that there was a long hall between the kitchen and the living room, and she could not see into the living room, but presumed, from the sound of the voices, that Dolores and the woman were conversing in the living room.

In compliance with the suggestion in the Bureau teletype and letter of reference, dated April 1 and 2, 1936, respectively, interview was had with Miss Irma Robbins, Clerk, Dade County Tax Collector's Office, Automobile Tag Division, concerning the transfer of title from Chas. M. Bronson (Alvin Karpis) to Duke Randall, on November 5, 1934, of Ford Coupe, Motor #18-1037480. When the photostatic copies of the certificate of title application and combination application for transfer of title certificate were exhibited to Miss Robbins she readily identified her signature thereon as notary public and she further identified her handwriting on the certificate of title application whereon the typed name of Duke Randall was marked out and the name of Chas. M. Bronson was inserted. Miss Robbins admitted that it was she who inserted the name of Chas. M. Bronson on the certificate of title application, because the typed name of Duke Randall had been improperly incorporated thereon.

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In this connection Miss Robbins stated that she examined the certificate of title application transfer of title certificate and, after having inserted the name of Chas. Bronson, with pen and ink, she thereafter notarized the instruments. However, she was unable to recall any of the details of the transaction and stated that the clerk who handled the transaction would not necessarily notarize the instruments inasmuch as it is the custom for the clerks to complete the transactions and after the close of business each day some designated clerk who is working on the reports will notarize all of the instruments of that particular date, although the notary might not have witnessed the signatures of the parties to the transaction. Miss Robbins further stated that it is not compulsory that the instruments be notarized in the presence of the parties and stated that any one of four other clerks on duty could have handled the transaction in question and that Miss Robbins thereafter, and without having seen or talked with the parties concerned, notarized the instruments. When the photographs of Karpis, Duke Randall, Joe Adams and other suspects in this matter were exhibited to Miss Robbins she stated that they bore no resemblance to any one she recalls having seen nor could she recall that the photographs resembled any one with whom she has had contact concerned with the transfer of title to automobiles.

Miss Marcella Sadler, Clerk, Dade County Tax Collector's Office, Automobile Tag Division, was accordingly interviewed and identified her handwriting on the Certificate of Title Application #950615, in that portion of that instrument where the original owner is required to answer the questions thereon concerning his ownership of the motor vehicle. Miss Sadler stated that she personally inserted the responses to the questions thereon, but could not recall anything concerning the transaction or the identities of the parties thereto. She was unable to offer information concerning the manner in which the Certificate of Title Application had been presented to her or by whom and could not state whether the typed name of Duke Randall, El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Dade County, had been placed on the application prior to the time she received it or thereafter. She was likewise positive in her assertion that she did not insert the name of Chas. Bronson, in pen and ink, on that certificate. However, she expressed the opinion that inasmuch as her handwriting appeared on that portion indicating the response of the original owner, she must have personally handled the transaction, but she had no independent recollection thereof and claimed not to recall the details of the transaction or the identities of the parties. When the photographs of Karpis, Duke Randall, Joe Adams and other suspects were exhibited to her, Miss Sadler identified the photograph of Joe Adams and stated that she is personally acquainted with Adams; that his wife is a very good friend of hers. She further stated that she was formerly the

secretary to John Knight, brother of Bob Knight, the father-in-law of Joe Adams and that through that employment she became acquainted with Adams. She was unable to identify the photograph of Duke Randall and other suspects as resembling any one known to her and further stated that the photographs of Duke Randall and Alvin Karpis did not resemble the likeness of any one with whom she recalls having had any negotiation concerned with the transfer of title to an automobile. She likewise denied that Joe Adams had ever entered into any negotiations with her for the transfer of title to an automobile and expressed herself as positive that he was not one of the parties to the transaction herein mentioned. Miss Sadler verified the statement of Miss Robbins in that the Clerk handling a particular transaction would not necessarily notarize the instruments but would, as is customary, place the instruments aside until the close of business for that date when a clerk designated would notarize all transactions for that particular day. Inasmuch as the signature of Miss Irma Robbins appeared on the instruments in question, Miss Sadler stated that Miss Robbins necessarily must have been the clerk designated to notarize the transactions for that date, November 5, 1934. Miss Sadler also stated that it is not compulsory that the instruments to a transfer of title be notarized in the presence of the parties to the transaction.

A specimen of the handwriting of Miss Sadler, on a certificate of title application form was obtained and is transmitted, with copies of this report, to the Bureau for submission to the Technical Laboratory for use in such handwriting comparison as may be in progress concerning the transaction herein involved.

Attempt to locate Duke Randall was made through inquiry of Henry Debro, Captain of bell boys, El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida. Debro stated that Randall has not been living at the El Comodoro Hotel for the past three weeks; that he left soon after the Biscayne Kennel Club closed for the season. However, Debro stated that Randall is still in Miami and is working somewhere in the city. He assured agent that he will obtain Randall's address and immediately communicate same to this Agent. At the submission of this report the definite location of Randall has not been established.

The following inquiries were made by Special Agent R. B. Donaldson at Miami, Florida:

Saul Eden still employed as bell boy at the El Comodoro Hotel and residing at 537 N. W. 2nd Avenue, advised Agent that he had no recollection of taking newspapers to the rooms occupied by members of this gang.

That he may have rendered such service but during some of the period in question he was on the verge of losing his job and because of this did not pay as much attention to the persons served as he might have ordinarily. He recalls Dolores Delaney but appears to be unable to supply information in detail as to services rendered.

Regarding the Postal telegram sent by Adams on December 31, 1934, from Miami to Duke Randall at Jacksonville, reading "use own judgment - - - etc.", interview was had with L. T. Williams employed as Revenue Clerk at Miami, Florida, by Postal. Mr. Williams was formerly Assistant Manager. He stated that the telegram in question was not available and had been destroyed, further that he could testify to this as a fact. No request had been received to set same aside and at the expiration of one year it was destroyed. Consideration might be given to having the copy of same as received by Randall introduced by using a proper witness of the Postal Telegraph Company at Jacksonville, Florida.

Arvis Bethel formerly employed as a bell boy at the El Comodoro Hotel during the period of interest to this investigation, now resides at 3635 Grand Avenue, in Coconut Grove. He states he is unable to supply any information of interest to this investigation as he did not commence work at the El Comodoro Hotel until January 13, 1935.

In view of the statement of Milton Johnson that he purchased papers at various news stands to send to Fred Barker and that most of same came from the stand in the Tamiami Hotel, Agent made inquiry at this Hotel and found that the stand was closed some months ago. It was formerly operated by Harold Moller who now has a refreshment stand in the rear lobby of the Florida National Bank Bldg. On taking the matter up with him he stated that he clearly recalled that various bell boys from the El Comodoro Hotel bought papers of all kinds at his stand from time to time. In particular he remember that one of the boys during the 1934-35 season was buying a particular out of town paper to mail to some former guests of the hotel who resided about 200 miles up in the State. It seems to him that the boy stated it was an old couple who had paid him to attend to this for them. Mr. Moller lives at 243 S. W. 6th Street in Miami. He does not recall any details of the papers purchased, in this instance, cities, dates, etc.

With regard to the matter of guests at the El Comodoro being supplied with radios it has been previously stated that there is a small radio store just around the corner from this hotel. It is the only one in the immediate vicinity as far as Agent could determine and because of its location seems to be the most logical place where these instruments might

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be obtained by the hotel if this practice was followed. This place is operated by Mr. H. W. Henshaw and is located at 156 W. Flagler.

When interviewed about this matter Mr. Henshaw stated that he has been in business for some five years past, that he sells new and used radios, rents radios and also conducts a general radio service business. Over a year ago he figured on a deal whereby radios would be installed in every room of the El Comodoro Hotel. Nothing materialized from such negotiations. Informant says he has a speaking acquaintance with the officials of this Hotel. He cannot recall that they ever rented a radio from him either directly or indirectly for any guest at any time.

Concerning the matter of locating, if possible and available, the dining room checks of the El Comodoro Hotel which would reflect the serving of meals in the rooms of Karpis, Campbell, et al, it was necessary take this up personally with Mr. Joseph Adams, subject herein. These records seem to be in the sole possession of Mr. Adams who, of course, is still manager of the hotel. When interviewed on March 30, 1936, he stated that he would be glad to look up all of the dining room checks that could be found and make them available for this Agent's inspection. However, he informed that during the November hurricane which was of great intensity all the windows of the hotel were blown out on the front and water came into the hotel to the depth of nearly two feet resulting in the destruction of many records, stationery and general supplies which were stored close to the floor. These old dining room checks were among a part of articles destroyed. Mr. Adams did find for Agent's inspection a number of these checks which were examined. They are numbered, apparently in sequence before being torn from the original pad. None are dated and none were found showing the name of a guest or a room number. It is the statement of Mr. Adams that if the meals sent to the rooms in question were paid for in cash at the time of being served as they undoubtedly were, there would be no occasion to make further record or notation on the checks. Occasionally a guest will have a meal sent to his room and sign the check in lieu of immediate payment. The procedure then is for the bell boy or waiter to take the check to the desk clerk who pays the bill and charges the guest's account. Mr. Adams says he greatly doubts that such practice was resorted to in the case at hand. He also says the checks still remaining will be available at any time for Court purposes if desired.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD: THE JACKSONVILLE OFFICE at Miami, Florida, will continue efforts to locate and interview Duke Randall for the purpose of ascertaining complete details surrounding the transfer of title of the Ford Coupe from Chas. M. Bronson to Duke Randall at Miami, Florida, on November 5, 1934.

P E N D I N G



Application No. .... Certificate No. ....

## Certificate of Title Application

C MO CR CT EO BCK P AMOUNT SENT \$1.00

Name ..... (Print or Type name plainly)

Street No. or  
P. O. Box .....

Address: City or  
Town ..... County ..... FLORIDA

Motor Vehicle Commissioner, Tallahassee, Fla.

1. I (We) ..... The owner (owners) of  
following described Motor Vehicle make application for Certificate of Title of ownership  
for said vehicle and for that purpose state under oath the following facts:

2. Make ..... Type .....

3. Model ..... Cyls. .... 4. Year of Make ..... 5. Wheels .....

6. Eng. No. .... 7. Serial No. .... 8. Chassis No. ....

9. Is the Motor Vehicle Licensed in your name? ..... 10. Tag No. ....

11. I (We) acquired the above described Motor Vehicle *Mus* ..... (State whether new or 2nd hand)

12. From *Falco Motor Co.* ..... (Name of dealer or former Owner)

13. Whose address is *2 Lake View Dr.* .....

14. The *20* day of *July*, 19*54* 15. How Acquired *Pur* ..... (Purchase, trade, gift, inheritance, etc.)

### LIENS OR INDEBTEDNESS

16. Amount at present time \$ *None* 17. Kind of Lien .....  
(Please answer. If no lien word none.) To Whom Due .....

18. Whose address is .....

19. Signature of Applicant *X* .....

20. Signature of person signing  
for firm or corporation .....

21. STATE OF FLORIDA } ss.  
County of .....

On this ..... day of ....., A. D. 19....., before me

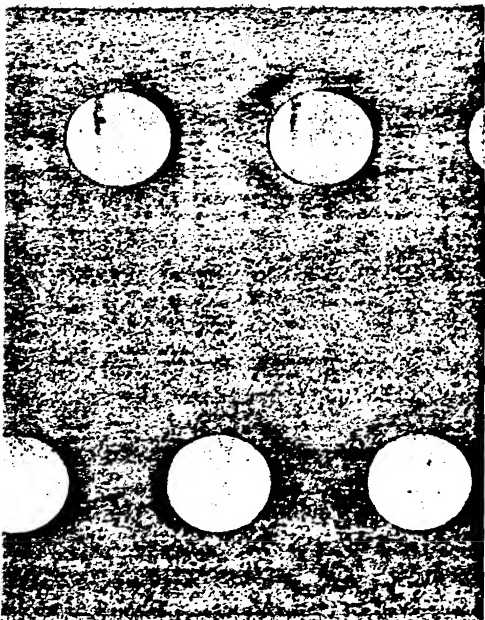
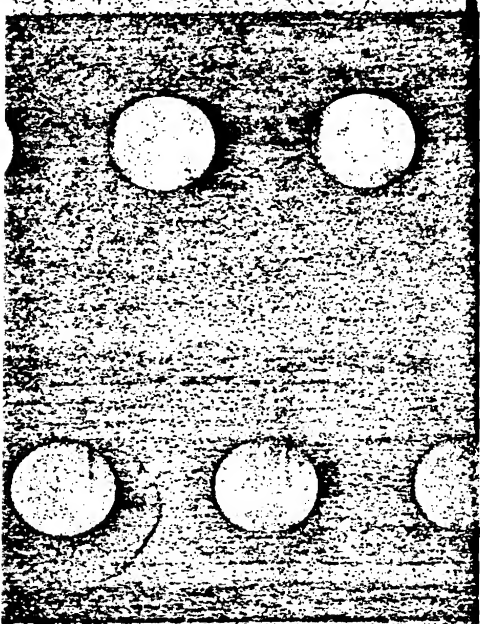
..... personally appeared .....  
(Notary, Clerk of Circ. Court, etc.)  
who makes oath that the matters set forth in the foregoing application are true.

(SEAL)  
(Affix Official Seal)

(Signature of Notary or Officer taking affidavit)

My Commission expires .....

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(DO NOT DETACH HERE) DADE COUNTY AUTO TAG AGENCY

Application No. .... Certificate No. ....

## Certificate of Title Application

C MO CR CT EO BCK P AMOUNT SENT \$1.00

Name .....  
(Print or Type name plainly)

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P. O. Box .....

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-24

REPORT MADE AT: Portland, Oregon	DATE WHEN MADE: 4-4-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-25-27-28-36	REPORT MADE BY: W. C. Ryan
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, WA, Fugitive I. O. 1218 DR. JOSEPH B. MORAN, WA - Fugitive I.O. 1232 HARRY CAMPBELL, WA - Fugitive I.O. 1236 ET AL GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIRE ARMS ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Department of Labor and Industry, Olympia, Washington, has no record of compensation being received by Clell Campbell, Olympic Hot Springs and Sol Duc Hot Springs, Washington, furnished with I. O.s on Campbell. No record of registration for 1935 Plymouth Sedan Motor number PJ322772 in the states of Oregon and Washington. Stop notices placed on this car, Daniel Stiefel in custody at Asotin, Washington on burglary charge, identifies photograph of subject Karpis as individual who drove him from Caliente, Nevada, to Salt Lake City about 3-1-36 subsequently registering at Moxum Hotel in Salt Lake City. Investigation conducted at Seattle, Washington, as to activities of Stiefel reveals that Stiefel lied as to his meeting with Karpis.			
REFERENCES: Letter of the Cleveland Office to all Field Offices dated December 12, 1935. Letter of Chicago Bureau Office to Bureau dated March 10, 1936. Report of Special Agent W. C. Ryan, Portland, dated March 18, 1936. Teletype of Portland Bureau Office to Salt Lake City Bureau Office dated March 27, 1936.			
DETAILS: In response to inquiry made by letter of the Department of Labor and Industry at Olympia, Washington, relative to any compensation being received by C. C. or Clell Campbell as a result of injury supposed to have been sustained by him while employed as a long shoreman in the vicinity			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W. C. Ryan</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-10476	RECORDED AND INDEXED APR 11 1936
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: Bureau -3 Cincinnati -2 Salt Lake City -2 Portland -1 San Francisco -1 St. Paul -2 Chicago -2 Los Angeles -1 Dallas -1 Kansas City -1 Portland -2		UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: ONE R	CHECKED OFF: APR 14 1936 FILED

of Olympia, Washington as is indicated in information obtained in the reference report of Special Agent Ryan, the Portland Bureau Office is in receipt of a letter from the Department of Labor and Industry, Olympia, advising that a thorough check of their files fails to locate any such party receiving compensation for injuries in the State of Washington.

Following the receipt of reference letter from the Cleveland Bureau Office, relative to 1935 Plymouth four door Sedan, motor number PJ322772, serial 2619857, letters were directed to the Division of Licenses at Olympia, Washington, and to the Secretary of State at Salem, Oregon, requesting information as to the possible registration of this car in the States of Washington and Oregon respectively, and requesting that stop notices be placed against this automobile in event of future registration. Replies have now been received from both of the above mentioned Departments advising that there is no record in either State as to the above mentioned automobile, nor is there any registration for such a car under the name of Carly Baker, or Thomas J. Shaw. Both of the above Departments advised that stop notices have been placed in their files against this car and that the Portland Bureau Office would be immediately notified in the event it is registered in either State at some later date.

In connection with the reference letter of the Chicago Bureau Office, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent K. D. Deaderick on March 27, 1936:

At the Olympic Hot Springs interviewed Mr. Vern Howser who was at that time in charge. He advised that Mr. Harry Schoeffel is officially in charge of the Springs but that he was away for a period of approximately one week. Mr. Howser advised Agent that there is no one at the Springs at this time of the year and that as a matter of fact the resort is not yet open to the public. There is no one stopping at this resort at this time.

This matter relative to subject Campbell was discussed with Mr. Howser and he stated that he will be at the Springs all season and that he usually has custody of the baths and that he will be alert to observe all strangers closely and should Campbell make his appearance at the Springs he will immediately advise the Portland Bureau Office by telephone. He was furnished several Identification Orders on subject Campbell.

At Sol Duc Hot Springs, Agent interviewed Mr. and Mrs. L. H.

X Gordon who are in charge and they stated that no one had ever been to the Springs that they could identify as subject Campbell, but that they would closely observe all parties coming there in the future and should subject Harry Campbell appear there they would accomodate him and immediately telephone the Portland Bureau Office; these persons were furnished several Identification Orders on subject Campbell. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon stated that there is no one stopping at these springs at this time.

It has been ascertained that there are other such hot springs located at Soap Lake, Washington, Hot Lake, Wilhoit Hot Springs, and Breitenbush Hot Springs, Oregon. Similar investigation will be conducted at each of these places at the earliest possible date.

On 3-27-36, Special Agent R. C. Eberstein at Spokane, Washington received a telephone call from Sheriff Dennis Costello of Asotin, Washington, who advised that he had in custody at Asotin, one Daniel Stiefel who had related to him in effect that about March 1, 1936, while hitch hiking across the State of Nevada, he was picked up a few miles east of Caliente, Nevada, by a man in a new light blue colored Ford V8 Sedan. That this party drove him to Salt Lake City where the driver of the Ford Sedan registered at the Moxum Hotel. Sheriff Costello further advised that Stiefel had no money to eat on, and the stranger upon learning this, gave him \$5.00 to purchase some sandwiches and bring them to his hotel room where the two of them ate the sandwiches together. Further, that later, the same evening, this stranger was met at the Moxum Hotel by two other individuals; that Stiefel further said that the following morning the stranger gave him \$175 telling him to go out and buy a used Ford car for him and to return with it to the Hotel. Stiefel claimed that upon receiving the \$175 from the stranger, he pocketed it and did not return to the hotel and that about a week later while in the post office building in Salt Lake City, he noticed a photograph of Karpis on the bulletin board and immediately recognized him as the stranger who picked him up at Caliente and drove him to Salt Lake City. That upon seeing that he became frightened and immediately left Salt Lake City. Sheriff Costello stated that Stiefel could furnish no further information as to the name used by the individual whom he identified as Karpis or as to the room number at the hotel occupied by him or as to the license on his automobile.

The substance of the above information was furnished the Salt Lake City Bureau Office by teletype with the request that a check be made at the Moxum Hotel. Agent Eberstein immediately proceeded to



Asotin, Washington, to interview Stiefel as to his purported meeting with subject Karpis.

The following was submitted by Special Agent R. C. Eberstein relative to his interview with Stiefel at Asotin, Washington, on 3-28-36:

Pursuant to information received from Sheriff Dennis Costello at Asotin, Washington, Agent interviewed Daniel A. Stiefel, who is being held in the county jail at Asotin on a charge of second degree burglary.

After obtaining a brief statement of the facts from Stiefel concerning his supposed ride from Caliente, Nevada, to Salt Lake City about March 1st, with a man whom he believed to be Alvin Karpis, Agent interviewed him at length and obtained the following information.

He stated that his true name was William A. Stiefel, born at Salt Lake City, Utah, July 29, 1913; Father, Eugene Stiefel, who runs the cigar stand at the Dessert Hotel in Spokane; stated that his mother is employed at the Alta Mae Dress Shop on Riverside Avenue and his parents live at the San Marco Apartments. Just prior to Christmas in 1935 he came to Spokane from Salt Lake City and was only in town a few days, when on December 19, 1935, he was arrested by the Spokane Police Department on a charge of petit larceny and sentenced to serve a term of 60 days in the county jail, which he served, getting out he thought on February 14th, or 15th, 1936. That he stayed in Spokane for a few days after this and then rode to Los Angeles, California with a friend whom he refused to name. Think she remained in Los Angeles about a week, and while there he lived a part of the time at the Roslyn Hotel. Don't know what street this is on. Lived there about three days and then went to Long Beach, California and stayed about three days at the home of the friend, with whom he rode to California. Then left by bus and went to Las Vegas, Nevada. At this point he ran short of money and started hitch hiking east through Nevada. Stayed over night at Las Vegas, but just slept in the lobby of a hotel name unknown. The following noon he arrived at Caliente, Nevada, stopped to eat and then hitch hiked east on the main road. About four or five miles east of town was picked up by a man in a light blue V8 Ford Sedan, and this man took him into Salt Lake City. The stranger asked him many questions about himself, his age, what he did, where he was going, who his people

were, etc., but the stranger furnished no information about himself, either as to who he was, where he had come from or where he was going. They made only one stop at an outlying filling station for gas; he doesn't remember at what place. They arrived at Salt Lake City about 7 PM and the stranger bought his dinner for him at a restaurant but he doesn't know the name of it or on what street it was located. After dinner they got back in the car and the stranger drove to a point about half a block from the Moxum Hotel on State Street and parked his car. He seemed to know his location. On getting out of the car, he took one black suitcase, and the back of the Ford was piled full of stuff even with the back seat; but it was covered with a blanket and Stiefel could not see what was covered up. Looked like small boxes. While they were eating dinner the stranger left the cafe for three or four minutes but didn't say where he had been. The stranger registered at the desk, but Stiefel was not close enough to see what name he used. Went to a room on the third floor. Stranger carried his own baggage. This man asked Stiefel if he had money enough for breakfast, and Stiefel told him he was broke. Man then gave him a five dollar bill, from a roll he carried in his pocket. Told Stiefel to come back to the room the next morning. At that time somebody came to the door and was admitted to the room, it being two men. One of these men greeted the stranger as "Bill" who then told Stiefel he had better go and to come back in the morning. Says that he registered at a hotel about three blocks from the Moxum Hotel, but doesn't know the name of it or what street it was on. Next morning about 9:30 he went back to the man's room and he sent Stiefel out for some breakfast for him. He then asked Stiefel if he knew where there was a used car lot in town, where he could buy a good used car. Stiefel told him he did, and the stranger then gave him \$175 in bills, being 3 or 4 fives, 5 twenties and a few tens, and told him to go and pick out a good used heavy car of some kind. That he wanted to use this in an advertising campaign which he was going to put on. That he was to come back as soon as he could and let the man know what kind of a car he could find. Stiefel states that he went out of the room about 10:30 AM, and stopped at a few beer parlors, where he drank some beer and played some slot machines with about ten dollars of the money. He then went to the Salt Lake City Post Office to call at the General Delivery for mail he thought he might get from his friend in California. While there he saw a number of posters and immediately recognized a picture of Karpis as the man who was at the hotel. He said that he was scared and immediately went to the bus depot and bought a ticket for Pocatello, Idaho. Left Salt Lake City in the early afternoon and arrived at Pocatello about five hours later. At Pocatello he

stayed with some friends for a couple of days. He refused to give their names but later furnished the name as Mr. Kay Leavith, who works for the Telephone Company at Pocatello.

He says that he remained in Pocatello about three days, then bought a bus ticket to Lewiston, Idaho and upon arrival there he went to Clarkston, Washington, and stayed with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lundeen, who are old friends of his parents, but didn't know just how long he has been in Clarkston but thought about two weeks.

He was unable to furnish any further description of the car driven by the stranger other than he thought it was a 1935 light blue Ford V8, license plate unknown. Said the car was same color all over and had wire wheels. Took it to be a standard Sedan. Stated that he never heard any name for any of the three men except "Bill" as above described. That on the bulletin board in the Salt Lake City Post Office there were a lot of pictures, among whom were Karpis and Mahan and that he believes the man he rode with was Karpis. He stated that this man had a room on the third floor of the Moxum Hotel. That to reach this room you turned to the right upon reaching the third floor and he thought it was the room on the corner of the hallway, as you turned right upon reaching the head of the stairs. That this room looked out on State Street, and the room had windows on two sides of the room. That just prior to the time the men came to visit Bill, he had a telephone call. This was about fifteen minutes before they arrived.

He described "Bill" as follows:

Age	About 30 years
Height	5'10"
Weight	140 to 150 pounds
Build	Slender
Complexion	Dark
Hair	Black, combed straight back.
Eyes	Unknown
Marks or scars	No noticeable marks or scars
Dress	Brown suit that had a herringbone weave, blue overcoat, dark cap, tan low shoes, Smooth shaven, but beard was heavy and dark.

He described the men who came to the Hotel room to see "Bill" as follows:

Number One.

Age	About 30 years
Height	About 5'10" to 11"
Weight	About 150 pounds
Complexion	Medium dark
Build	Slim
Dress	Dark colored suit and overcoat and light grey felt hat.
	Smooth shaven.

Number two.

Height	About 5'7"
Age	About 25 years
Weight	About 160 pounds
Build	Stocky
Complexion	Light
Dress	Dark suit and overcoat.
	Hadn't shaved for 2 or 3 days.

Stiefel either would not or could not give the exact time of departure or arrival of any of the stages he rode on, could not give the fares and said he is unable to give the exact dates of the travels related above. He thought that he left Salt Lake City either on the last day of February or the first day of March. He could not give a good description of the lobby of the Moxum Hotel.

Agent interviewed Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lundeen, who reside at 7th and Highland Streets in Clarkston, who stated that they lived across the street in Spokane for a long time from subjects parents. That he arrived in Clarkston on March 4th, 1936, and since that time had stayed at their place and worked a part of the time for Mrs. S. B. Likes. They stated that when he arrived in Clarkston he told them he had come from Seattle, Washington, by the way of Spokane.

Mrs. S. B. Likes who resides near the Lundeens stated that Stiefel had worked off and on for her doing yard work since he came to Clarkston and she first saw him on March 6th, 1936.

On arrival at Spokane, Agent interviewed Mr. Eugene Stiefel at the Dessert Hotel Cigar Stand. He resides at the San Marco Apartments.

He at first denied that Stiefel was related to him but later advised that he was and had caused his parents a lot of trouble. With regard to his sons recent movements, he advised that his sons true name was Daniel A. Stiefel. That shortly before Christmas he came home and said he had been to Salt Lake City, which was true as a brother of Mr. Stiefel had written about seeing him there. That the boys grandmother also lives there. Mr. Stiefel refused to give these peoples name as he didn't want them to know that the boy was in trouble again. That shortly before Christmas Daniel left home again and didn't return until some time about the middle of February.

(Mr. Stiefel had no knowledge that he had served a jail sentence at this time). He said Daniel had been in Seattle doing work for his board and room. The parents didn't have room at the apartment to put him up so the father paid his room rent at the YMCA, where he remained for a week or ten days, when he left town again and the next they heard of him was when he was arrested at Clarkston, when they were notified by the Lundeens of his trouble. Mr. Stiefel stated that he has done all he will do for him and he will have to take his medicine. Questioned as to whether the boy had gone to California after leaving the YMCA Mr. Stiefel said he couldn't have as he was only gone a few days when he arrived in Clarkston and went to Lundeens.

Agent interviewed Mr. R. W. X Kromer, Business Secretary for the YMCA. He produced his records which showed that Daniel A. Stiefel roomed there from February 17, 1936, to February 25th, at which time they threw him out for being drunk and disorderly. Mr. Kromer stated that after Stiefel left they discovered that he had entered the office and stole some checks which were already made out but he evidently hadn't been successful in cashing them as they found the checks torn up in Stiefel's room. That about two weeks ago some plain clothes man from the police force came to the YMCA looking for Stiefel and told Mr. Kromer that he wanted Stiefel on a burglary charge. The above record shows that it was only 7 days between the time Stiefel left the YMCA and the time he arrived in Clarkston, and it is therefore certain that he is lying about where he has been.

Stiefel claims to have spent all the money that he got from the stranger in drinking and gambling in Salt Lake City, Pocatello, and Clarkston.

In view of the above which showed undoubtedly that Stiefel was lying as to his purported meeting with subject Karpis, it appears that no further investigation is necessary in regard to his story.



UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE PORTLAND BUREAU OFFICE at Soap Lake, Washington, Hot Lake, Wilhoit Hot Springs, and Breitenbush Hot Springs, Oregon, will conduct investigation relative to Harry Campbell as suggested in the reference letter of the Chicago Office dated 3-10-36.

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Chief Clerk	✓
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Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Edwards	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Foxworth	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
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